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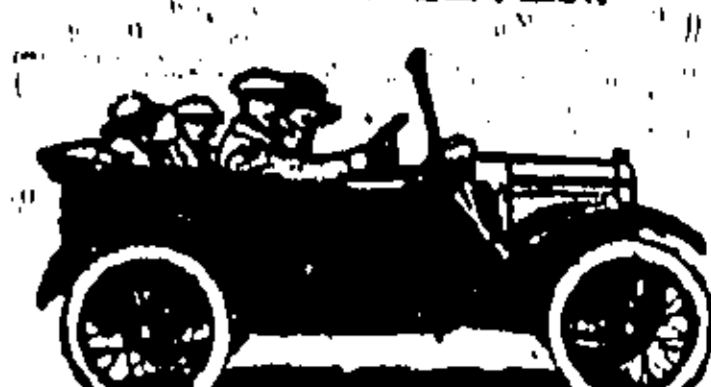
# China Mail

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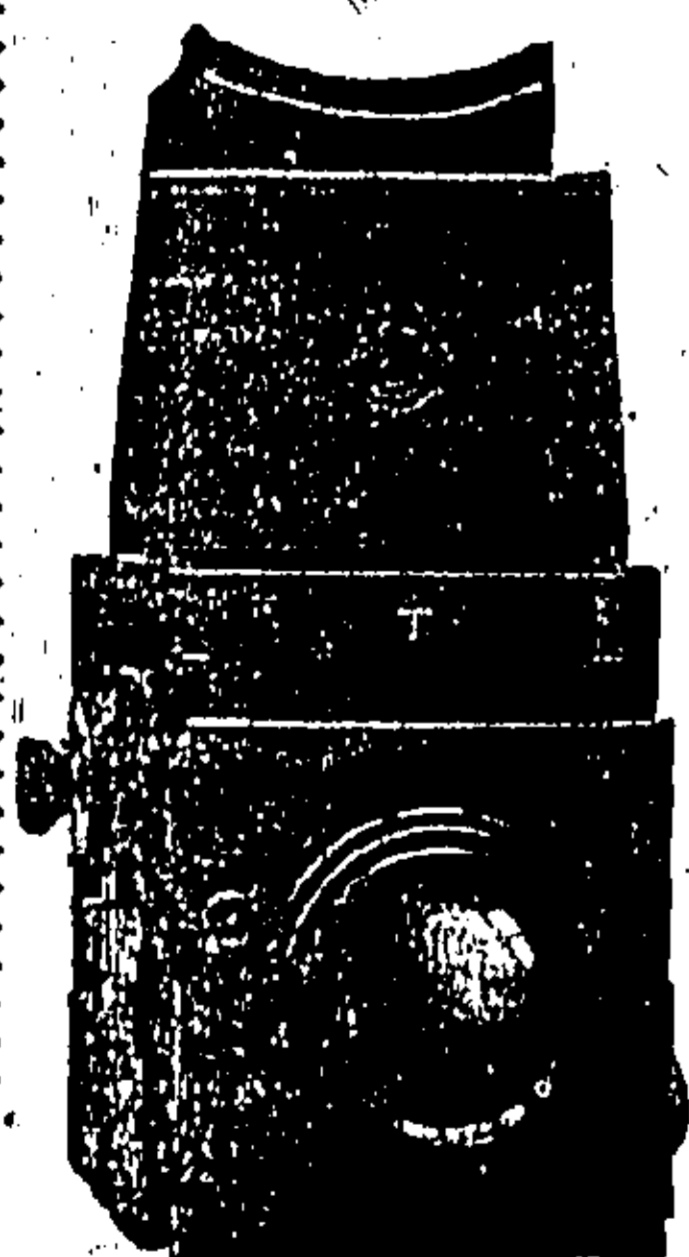
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Simple, entertaining, exciting—these are the chief attractions of the unique campaign the "China Mail" announces to-day. Simple because everyone can easily grasp the rules; entertaining because the competitive element puts the contestants on their mettle, and exciting because many valuable prizes can be won.

The China Mail to-day and the Sunday Herald to-morrow, announce jointly one of the greatest circulation building campaigns ever attempted by a newspaper in South China. Nearly \$15,000 in prizes will be given away absolutely free to popular people in the Colony. There is no element of chance in the campaign. Popularity and personal effort being the two things that will decide the winners.

The campaign is open and free to all. It is not in any way a gamble or a raffle—the prizes will be awarded solely for merit. The present prosperity of the Colony has determined the China Mail and Sunday Herald to make this great offer through which they expect to extend their circulation to equal if not to lead any English newspaper in China. With this end in view there has been gathered together a list of prizes which will stamp the campaign as one unique in the annals of the Colony.

**Motor Cars Free.**  
The first grand prize in the campaign will be a \$3,150.00 Buick (1925 Model) light six Touring Car purchased from, and on display at, the Hongkong Kowloon Taxi Cab Co., 33, Des Voeux Road. The second prize is a \$1,500.00 Chevrolet Touring Car purchased from W. R. Loxley & Co., York Building. The public is cordially invited to inspect these two beautiful motor cars.

**Piano a Prize.**  
The next prize is an \$850 Collard Piano. This has been purchased from, and is now on display at, the store of the Anderson Music Co., Queen's Building. In addition to the above other valuable prizes are a Sleeper Monotone Radio Set with a Loud Speaker attached, a Cabinet Brunswick Phonograph, a Vacation Tour to Poochow, and two beautiful Electric Fixtures. A full list of the prizes announced thus far, appears in the big two page display advertisement in another part of this edition. An important announcement is that a number of other valuable prizes are yet to be added to the list and will be announced from time to time. There will be prizes of every sort and description and all reading this announcement will surely find some prize in the list that they will specially desire.

**Official Opening.**  
The official opening of the Campaign will be Saturday morning, February 7. Those interested in becoming candidates and wishing to get an early start should call at the Campaign Headquarters at Room F, Second Floor, 34, Queen's Road, corner of Queen's Road and Wyndham Street.

On another page will be found the rules governing the campaign. Anyone desiring to enter should send name and address immediately to the Campaign Manager or, better still, call in person and learn all particulars.

All that is necessary to win a prize is the expenditure of a few hours' time amongst one's friends, lining them up to the support of the candidate. The Campaign will run for a period of eight weeks and will close on April 4, when all the prizes will be awarded to the victorious candidates.

Candidates will find that an announcement of their names in the first published list of candidates will be a signal to their friends to rally to their support. By following up that interest with earnest and energetic action a firm foundation can be at once established for a winning score.

The rules of the campaign will be rigidly adhered to and the awards made strictly according to merit.

How Prizes Are Awarded.

Every person subscribing to the China Mail or the Sunday Herald and paying the subscription in advance will be entitled to cast a certain number of votes, the number of votes depending upon the length of time for which the subscription is taken. In addition there will be a vote coupon in the paper every day which may be clipped and turned in to the credit of a candidate.

The method of awarding prizes will be as follows:—  
The person who has to his credit at the close of the campaign the greatest number of votes will be awarded, absolutely free, a \$3,150 (1925 Model) Buick Touring Car.

The person who has the second greatest number of votes will be given the \$1,500 Chevrolet Touring Car. The candidate who has the next largest number of votes will be given the choice of any of the other prizes offered, and so on down the list, each candidate choosing in turn the prize desired until all prizes have been awarded.

Each candidate will be requested to select a friend to act as a judge, and the counting of votes on the final night of the campaign will be entirely in the hands of these judges appointed by the candidates themselves.

**How To Enter.**  
Any person desiring to enter his or her name or that of a friend in this campaign for the purpose of winning one of the magnificent prizes should communicate with the Campaign Manager at once.

Candidates should interest their friends in the campaign thereby securing their votes before they are given to someone else.

There is a coupon in the paper good for 50 votes, also a nomination coupon good for 5,000 votes. Fill these in with your name, or that of a friend, and send to the campaign headquarters. When the nomination is received receipts, supplies and full information will be given to candidates. The next step is for the candidates to begin calling on friends and acquaintances and securing their subscriptions in order to receive their votes, also to request them to save as many as possible of the 50 votes coupons, as there is no limit to the number of these, which may be credited to a candidate. However, only one of the 5,000 votes nomination coupons may be credited to any one person.

Persons who enter the campaign do not have to subscribe for the papers themselves. All that is necessary is to enter the name and the friends will do the rest. It will be surprising how rapidly the votes will roll in and how little effort will be required to win one of the valuable prizes. One never knows how many friends one really has until they are tested by a campaign of this nature.

After the first announcement of the names sent in by the candidates, which will appear in a few days, the votes will be counted and published daily.

The Campaign representatives may be found at the Campaign Headquarters, Room F, Second Floor, 34, Queen's Road, corner of Queen's Road and Wyndham Street. They will be only too glad to give all information and assistance possible. The Campaign will be strictly fair to all. Those interested should call at the Campaign Headquarters and receive receipt books and supplies so they may begin calling on their friends as soon as possible.

In this issue of the paper is an encouragement coupon which if accompanied by a year's subscription will count for 50,000 votes over and above the regular schedule offered on subscriptions. A candidate is allowed to use only one of the coupons.

A COLD SNAP.

BREAKS THE RECORD FOR FIVE YEARS.

REMARKABLE MAP.

"It is cold enough for snow" are the words which always have been and always will be spoken when the front portal is crossed and the wind cuts piercingly—this in spite of the repeated protestations of the meteorologists as to extremecold below not being necessary or even conducive to precipitation above.

Whether it is meteorologically correct or not the remark has fallen from the lips of many Hongkongites this morning.

If the importance of the issue warrants it there is always Mr. T. F. Claxton, director of the Royal Observatory, to ring up. On second thoughts, however, that observation ought to be withdrawn—perhaps Mr. Claxton wouldn't thank the scribe for it and it is to Mr. Claxton that newspaper people are indebted for all those interesting comparative figures which appear when the elements get a little out of hand.

No, there is no question of a record—perhaps it was as well Mr. Claxton did not see the dubious look on the face of the reporter at his end of the wire, (he was thinking of the time he took to get to the office from the ferry in a vain endeavour to restore his circulation to something like normal and trying to recall Abraham's latest record).

The January record for the afternoon was one of the most remarkable on record, continued Mr. Claxton, and the rise of the thermometer at 11 a.m. on January 30 (this Saturday) morning was almost unprecedented, he imagined, although it would mean a long search to verify this.

The lowest temperature recorded at the Observatory was at 7:20 a.m. to-day, being 41.4. This is the lowest on record for five years, since February 4, 1919 to be exact. The record for Hongkong since observations have been taken is 32.0 (January 18, 1893). Other low temperatures were:—January 9, 1900 (37.5); February 5, 1901 (38.4); January 24, 1916 (39.3); and January 9, 1917 (39.8).

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

TWO CHINESE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday, two Chinese were charged with committing a robbery with violence on a married woman at the junction of Middle and Nathan Roads on Sunday last.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the second accused.

In committing both the accused for trial at the Criminal Sessions, the Magistrate said that the two workmen who were responsible for the arrest of these accused deserved to be rewarded. It was not usual for Chinese to chase robbers as they did; they preferred to look on with their hands in their pockets.

MR. "A" ECHO.

A. D. C. TO BE TRIED IN PARIS.

EXTRADITION REFUSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, January 30.  
A French court has refused to grant extradition of Captain Arthur, basing its decision on the French statute of limitations.

LATER.  
Arthur will be tried in France with receiving stolen property, with which he was formally charged to-day.

Clip the nomination coupon from the lower left corner of the display advertisement; fill it out and send it in to-day. You can nominate either yourself or a friend.

Clip The Coupon Now.

AMONG LEPEERS.

ISLAND SETTLEMENT NEAR HONGKONG.

FRIENDLY PIRATES.

Great Relief Scheme in the Making.

Eighty miles from Hongkong is an island which is to be made into a leper settlement. In the following interview, given before he left Hongkong, on Wednesday, the founder describes graphically the conditions under which the work is carried out.



A Typical Leper.

The founder is the Rev. John Lake, of Canton, one of the delegates to the Medical Conference held at the University. On the short side and with cheeks in which perfect health is reflected there is nothing in his appearance, apart from keen grey eyes, to mark him out as being in any way exceptional.

Mr. Lake himself fails to see anything heroically self-sacrificing or brave in the work that he has been doing among lepers. "It is just a call that has come to me and, with the help and encouragement that my little wife here is able to give me, I hope to do much more to make life endurable for lepers," he told a "China Mail" reporter, who chatted with him as he was having tea with a number of other delegates.

He had in the past avoided talking in public about the leper work, but further told the reporter, but now that leprosy had been so thoroughly gone into at the Conference and there was something more definite to tell he had no objection to making the work public, particularly as Dr. Muir, the leprosy expert, would be leaving Hongkong with him in a few hours to make an investigation of the settlement.

The island, which is to be the future scene of Mr. Lake's efforts, was donated to him by the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Chinese Government. It is in the Kwangtung province two or three miles from the Chek Kai County, and bears the name of Tai-Kam. There will be room on it for a much larger number of lepers than Mr. Lake is able at present to accommodate in his settlement on the mainland and the intention is to have a hospital there, a house for the women and men, a separate

building for untainted children, and a laboratory where a trained physician will carry on research work.

"We have lepers come to us from a very large area," Mr. Lake told the reporter, "and we shall be able to cover an even larger one when we get the facilities on the island."

Asked if he was ever called upon to treat cases of leprosy originating from Hongkong Mr. Lake said, "there is no law under one case at present, although one of his workers had been a member of their Church in Hongkong and had taken to the work after contracting the terrible disease." "At present," Mr. Lake said, "there is no law under which a leper can be even taken off the streets of Hongkong, but the settlement is always open to all such."

Pirates, lepers, snakes, and typhoons—none of these holds terrors for Mr. and Mrs. Lake, who are looking forward even with joy to the time when they will live completely on the island surrounded by their leper friends. They have even a band of pirates on the island but "they are as careful of our property and privacy," said Mr. Lake, "as any friendly Indians in our homeland ever were of their dearest 'pale face' friends."

One day a pirate chief, accompanied by an armed escort, went over to the island to see what the recent activity there portended. On being told of the good work he was (as Mr. Lake put it) "as friendly as any pirate we ever met and gave us a cordial invitation to visit him. That man would stand by us, now, if we were in any danger. He has visited us, seen something of the work we are doing for his people, and has made friends with us."

It was the reading of a book on the life of the Belgian priest, Joseph de Vauster, who worked among the Molokai lepers of the Hawaiian Isles, that first led Mr. Lake to determine that he would be willing to undertake such a task, and the call came when on a missionary undertaking in the Sze Yap, he came across a collection of wretched huts in which lived nearly thirty miserable lepers. It was here that his first labours lay.

Mr. Lake confesses to feelings almost of abhorrence when he first thought of and undertook such work; but these, he says, have given place to the joy of such a service. He is always willing to receive help or to give it, and correspondence should be addressed to him at Canton. "The Rev. John Lake, Canton, will find me all right," he told the "China Mail" reporter, "but it hadn't better be addressed to the island as (here with a twinkle) 'we are not sufficiently advanced to have a post office there.'"

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## DIVIDENDS FOR 1924.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE  
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The report of the Directors for

the year ended December 31,

1924, states:—

The Directors now beg to submit

to you their report and statement

of accounts for the year ended

December 31, 1924.

The net profit for that

period, after deduct-

ing Directors' and

General Managers' remuneration and in-

cluding \$158,229.32

brought forward from

last account, amounts

to \$320,857.23

Which the Directors

recommend should be

appropriated as follows:

Pay a dividend of 80

cents per share \$120,000.00

Pay a bonus of 40 cents

per share \$50,000.00

Transfer to reserve fund

\$50,000.00

Transfer to typhoon

floods insurance fund

\$6,977.29

Carry forward to new

profit and loss account

\$8,879.94

\$320,857.23

Directors.—During the year the

Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang resigned on

leaving the Colony, his place

being taken by Mr. C. Gordon

Mackie. In accordance with

Clause 86 of the Company's

Articles of Association, Mr. J.

Scott Harston, Mr. L. Pattenden,

the very Rev. Father Robert, Mr.

J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon

Mackie retire, but being eligible,

offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have

been audited by Mr. H. Percy

Smith, F.C.A., and Messrs.

Linstead and Davis. Mr. H.

Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Messrs.

Linstead and Davis offer them-

selves for re-election.

HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT &amp; AGENCY CO. LTD.

The thirty-sixth report of the

Board of Directors to the general

meeting of shareholders of the

Hongkong Land Investment and

Agency Co. Ltd., to be held at the

offices of Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-

son &amp; Co. Ltd., at noon on

Tuesday, February 10, states:—

The Directors have now to sub-

mit to you a General Statement of

the affairs of the Company, and

balance sheet for the year ended

December 31, 1924.

The net profits for the year,

after providing for all Directors'

and auditors' fees amount to

\$3,183,237.51, which, with the

amount brought forward from

last year, \$157,886.87, gives an

amount available for division of

\$3,341,124.38.

From this amount an Interim

Dividend of \$2.00 per share on

240,000 shares (\$480,000.00) has

already been paid, leaving a

balance of \$2,861,124.38 avail-

able for appropriation which it is

proposed to deal with as follows:

To pay a final divi-

dend of \$2.00 per

share \$480,000.00

To pay a bonus of

\$2.50 per share \$600,000.00

To pay a bonus to

staff \$8,000.00

To place to Reserve

Account \$1,000,000.00

To carry forward to

a new Profit and

Loss Account \$773,124.38

\$2,861,124.38

Directors.—Mr. A. S. Gubbay

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(a) That the following Article shall be inserted after Article 110 of the Articles of Association:—

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110a.—(d) The Company in General Meeting may at any time pass a Resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise any sum or sums of money being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that such sum or sums be distributed as a bonus among the members in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and that the Directors be authorised to distribute among the members any unissued shares or new shares or in like proportions.

(b) When any such Resolution as that referred to in the preceding paragraph shall have been passed, the Directors may allot and issue to the members as nearly as may be in proportion to the shares held by them respectively and in satisfaction of the said bonus, the unissued shares or new shares (credited as fully paid up shares) to the extent of the proportionate amount payable to such members in respect of the Reserve Fund, with full power to make such provisions by the issue of fractional certificates or otherwise as they may think expedient for the case of fractions, and prior to such allotment the Directors may authorise any person on behalf of the members to enter into any Agreement with the Company providing for the allotment through them of such shares credited as paid up shares as aforesaid, and in satisfaction as aforesaid, and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

(c) It shall be no objection to Resolutions passed under paragraph (a) of this Article that they are passed at the meeting at which the Resolution introducing this Article is confirmed as a Special Resolution, provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first-mentioned Resolution, shall have been given prior to the confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

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3.—AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT A FURTHER Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the said office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1925, immediately after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting to be held on the 14th day of January, 1925, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 5th February, to Thursday, 19th February, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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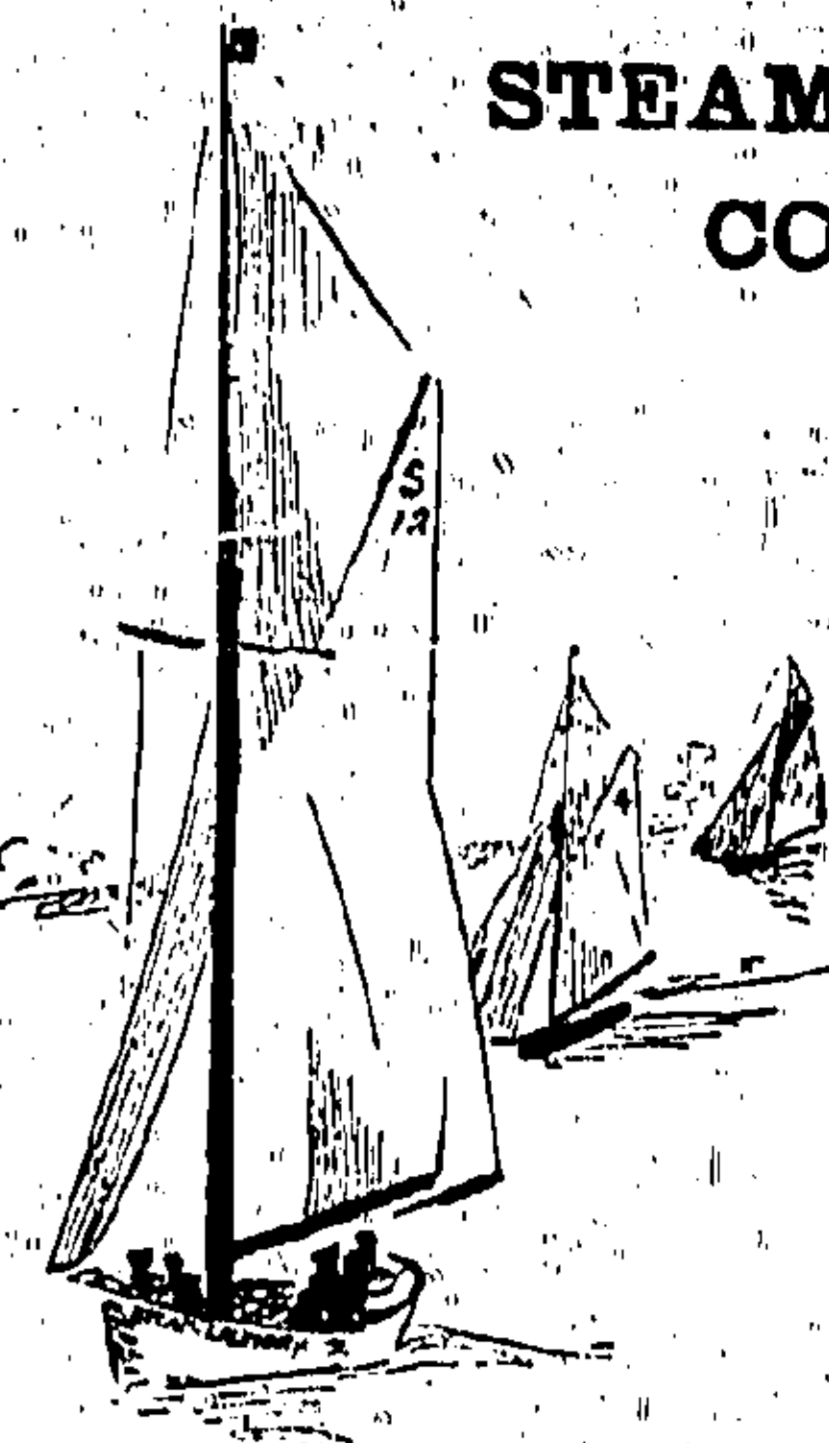
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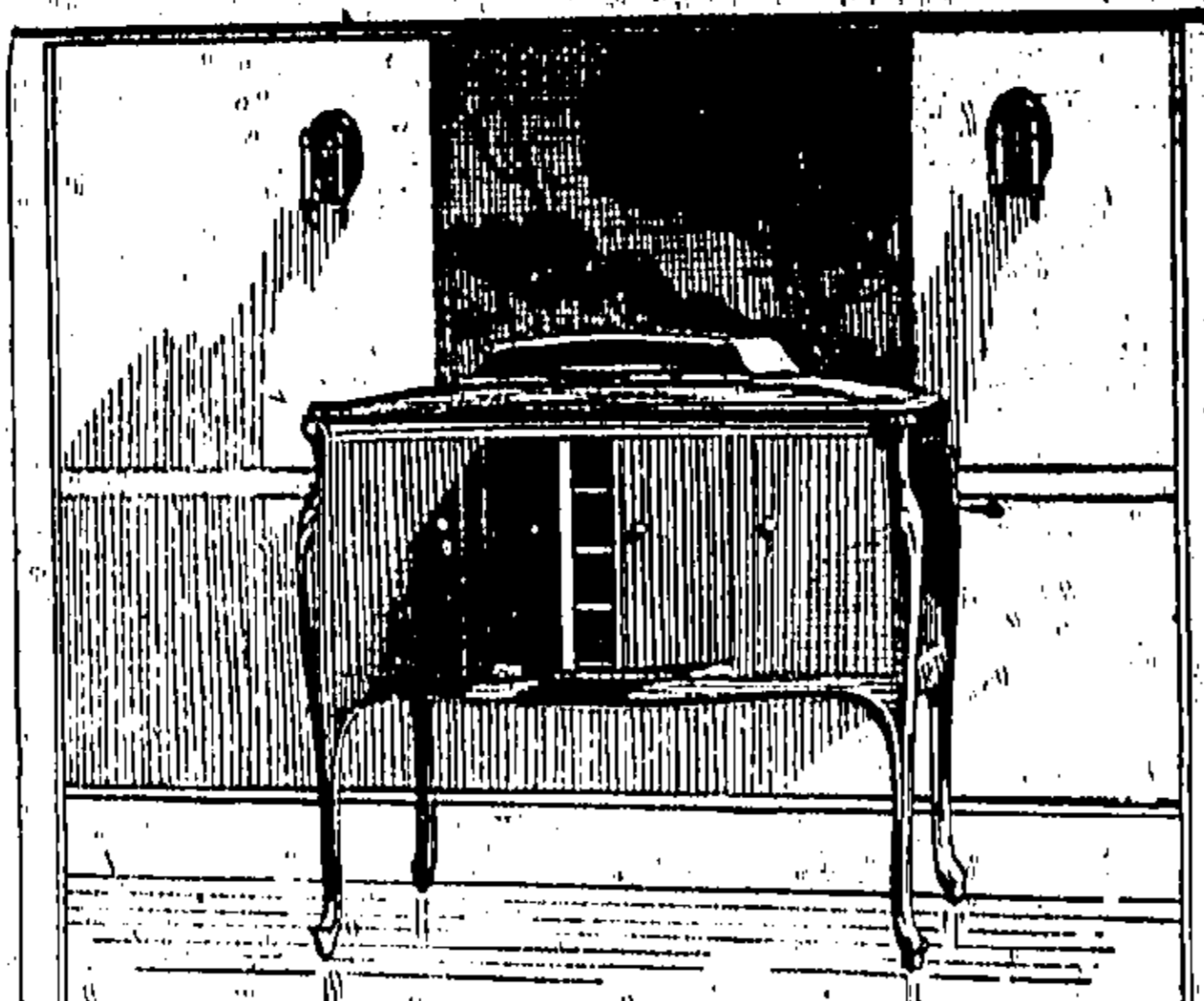
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### ANOTHER OPIUM DOSE.

If "too many cooks spoil the broth," too many people and papers tumbling over one another in their frantic hurry to express their opinions on the opium question will make of international conferences and commissions more of a fiasco than ever. The latest to furnish valuable space for the subject is the London "Times." According to a Reuter's cablegram to hand last night, the once powerful organ of London steps into the controversy to assert that "too much opium is still exported to Hongkong, Macao, Japan, and elsewhere"; and that "the Straits Settlements Government could in the long run hardly lose from the standpoint of revenue if it would resolutely set its face against the traffic." That may be the London "Times" appear very wise and pertinent observations to make; only the Governments of Hongkong and the Straits Settlements have traversed step by step with public opinion and public requirements respecting the traffic in the consumption of opium. It is not, and never has been, a petty question of enriching the coffers of the Treasury from opium. The London "Times" ought to be better acquainted than it appears to be for a journal of world-wide repute in respect of the practice and the policy of the Governments of Hongkong and the Straits Settlements.

In point of fact, the "Times" damns its whole criticism by the fatal word "but." To its comment on the Straits Government and its revenue from opium sources, the "Times" adds "but until China puts her house in order it is difficult to make much progress elsewhere." Why, it could not have said so, without dragging in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, is enigmatical. If and when China puts her house in order in regard to the opium traffic, it may become papers like the London "Times" to act the role of busybodies and meddlers with the policies of the Hongkong and Straits Settlements Governments.

India comes within the purview of the commentator of the London "Times"; but, strangely enough, he ignores altogether the aspect of revenue and chooses to pat it on the back, saying that "if every State made the control as efficient, the evil would soon be reduced to manageable proportions." And that after admitting that until China puts her house in order it is difficult to make progress elsewhere. It may be that the "Times" is afraid to offend the susceptibilities of that outspoken gentleman, Sir Basil Blackett, Finance Member at Delhi, who declared as recently as Wednesday that, in raising the question of the restriction of the production of opium, the American delegates had exceeded the instructions of the Council of the League of Nations to consider the restriction and limitation of the export, and that the Indian Government could not allow interference with its internal policy regarding opium. The latter remark was in the nature of a broad hint to more than the American delegates at Geneva; and the "Times" has evidently taken the hint. As, however, it dare not attempt to stalk big game like the Finance Member for India, it wastes idle words against the administration of Sir Edward Stubbs and Sir Laurence Guilford, neither of whom is in a position to hit back except through the Colonial Office.

It is a wonder that the "Times," after all its diatribes, comes to the only logical conclusion of the whole vexed problem, namely, that "the difficulty of the League of Nations is that international action at present is impossible in

practice and that, at least for the moment, the British principle of local responsibility is the only sound one." The Hongkong and Straits Settlements Governments are quite able to shoulder that infinitely small burden of local responsibility the while that China sets her house in order and the London "Times" ceases to meddle in the internal affairs of the Colonies in the Far East.

Pirates—Bad and Good.

Considered as a generality there may be a great deal of truth in the statement that war on land or sea either develops or kills the sense of "humour" latent in every man, but it must take a very highly developed such sense in a Navy or Merchant Service man for him to be able to see the funny side of the methods of piracy usually adopted in Chinese waters at the present day. That he is willing enough to learn was clearly shown by the numbers which turned out on Tuesday to hear the lecture on "The Humours of Piracy," which was given in the Cathedral Hall and the general smiles which greeted some particularly witty sallies of Professor Hinton, his droll manner of describing the recognised code of morals observed by "respectable" pirates of yore, or the delicate distinctions existing between pirates, privateers, and buccaners. The lecturer, certainly, brought out the human side of yé olde pirates; and the force of the trite but none the less true saying that "there's much that's bad in the" etc., will be even more strikingly brought home to China Mail readers who turn to the interview appearing on page one of this issue with the Rev. John Lake, the founder of a leper settlement near Hongkong. The pirates who infest those waters in which is situated the island which Mr. Lake is developing, are most careful of the property and privacy of the leper workers and one of the chiefs has struck up such a friendship with them that he has promised to stand by them whenever danger threatens. It is, of course, impossible to generalise on Chinese pirates from this solitary instance. They would indeed be inhuman monsters who would interfere with such work among their own people as Mr. Lake has undertaken, but the facts are given as proving that even Chinese pirates may have some sparks of humanity in them, however dim.

### TWO YEARS' JAIL.

CHECK TO SENSATIONAL CAREER.

OIL SCANDAL ECHO.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 30.

Gaston Means, former agent of the Department of Justice, and Thomas B. Felder, his attorney, have been convicted on a charge of conspiracy to bribe a Government official in connection with "the glass coffin" fraud case in 1923.

Means was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and each of the accused was fined \$10,000. Means has had a sensational career. He was agent to the Department of Justice during the regime of Mr. Daugherty as Attorney General and his name was frequently mentioned during the oil investigations early last year.

It was alleged that Means' secretary collected \$65,000 from the plaintiffs on a representation that it would be used to bribe officials to drop the prosecutions for alleged use of the mails to defraud.

### DRAMA OF THE NORTH.

MEDICINE FOR ICEBOUND COMMUNITY.

AEROPLANE TO RESCUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 30.

As a result of an appeal to the Government, the airman Darling has been authorised to fly from the nearest aviation station, Fairbanks in Alaska to Nome, a distance of 400 miles, with a supply of anti-toxin to combat the diphtheria epidemic in that region. In response to a telegraphic appeal from a local doctor, a large consignment of anti-toxin has been rushed off by dog sleigh from Nenana; but it is pointed out that this will not arrive in time, as Nome is cut off by ice and snow and an aeroplane is the only means of preventing many deaths.

### WELSH NOTES.

WHAT ABOUT THE MOTHER TONGUE.

(BY "AP RHYS")

Members of St. David's Society will have been made aware ere this of the decision of the Committee to hold the annual dinner on the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Saturday, February 28. And of the fact that they may invite friends (no limitation as to numbers this year). The idea of having a larger place was that any who feel so disposed (and there will undoubtedly be many) may have the opportunity of dancing.

The acting secretary informs me that there is every indication of a record attendance both of members and guests. A number of Welsh people have come into the Colony recently and others who have been here some time but have lain low so to speak, have now identified themselves with the Society.

The suggestion that there should be a Welsh service held in one of the Churches on St. David's Day, which was put forward by one of the Committee, was thought to be unpracticable. We are by no means a large society and some of us who have been away from the principality for some considerable time have sorrowfully to admit that we have not kept our "hand" in with the use of the mother tongue as we should have done.

In this connection it is interesting to note that no little stir has been caused in Welsh circles by the severity of the strictures which the Rev. Tecwyn Evans made at a meeting at Rhyl recently, in regard to the Welsh churches, when he declared that large numbers of children and young people who attend the Welsh churches are so deficient in their knowledge of the native language in which the services are conducted, that they are utterly unable to follow the services. As a result, according to Mr. Evans, many of these young people are growing up "no better than pagans under the shadow of our churches and chapels." How can it be otherwise, as he very pertinently observes, when their ignorance of the language renders them incapable of deriving any spiritual benefit from the services which they attend along with their parents?

Mr. Evans has not hesitated to face the inevitable issue of such a position, writes J. Hugh Edwards, M.P., in the British Weekly. On the ground that religion is a far more potent factor in the life and destiny of a nation than even the possession of its own native language, he emphasises the fact that Wales is now faced with the choice of alternatives—either the Welsh places of worship must be turned into English churches or a strenuous and a resolute effort must forthwith be made to teach the children to speak Welsh and to understand it. Mr. Evans has not hesitated to denounce the cruelty of Welsh parents who habitually bring their children to services where they cannot, as he puts it, follow a word in hymn, prayer, Scripture or sermon. He has stigmatised such parents as not only anti-national but also anti-religious, on the ground that there is no more effective way of killing religion than by rendering it unintelligible to those who attend religious services.

"There is something very melancholy" writes Mr. Edwards, "in the reflection that when the use of our ancient tongue was proscribed, with a relentless rigour, by one sovereign after another, and when even up to the last generation it was denied its place by the State in the education of the children, our people clung to it with a passion and a tenacity that secured for it a commanding place in their daily life and intimacies. And now that its lawful place in every sphere of the national life of Wales has been recognised even by the State, with the result that appointments to both the Episcopal and the Judicial Bench, to the headships of our national colleges and of the leading administrative posts in the Principality postulate a knowledge of the Welsh language, it should surely be a matter of reproach to us as a people that the ancient tongue—which has so long been one of the most cherished of our possessions—is being despised and discarded in the homes of our people, where for many generations, it has hitherto found its unfailing source of sustenance. We may well recall the memorable exclamation of one of the greatest of Welsh divines, at a time when the old language was in danger of being neglected: 'What if in our neglect of Welsh we are throwing away a great gift of Providence?'

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### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

HANDSOME GIFT FROM SIR PAUL CHATER.

YEAR'S DEFICIT WIPED OUT.

The annual meeting of the shareholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral was held last evening, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle presiding.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Honorary Treasurer, said that the year started with a debit balance of over \$9,000, and notwithstanding a special made by circular, there was a deficit of about the same amount this year.

The Chairman remarked that the deficit of last year had been wiped off by a generous contribution of \$9,000 by Sir Paul Chater, and contributions had also been received from the Philharmonic Society and the Male Voice Choir. Their thanks were due to Sir Paul for his generous action. (Applause).

The election of six lay members to the Church Body for the ensuing year resulted in the appointment of Messrs. W. L. Patten, J. Owen Hughes, A. H. Compton, Sir Claude Severn, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and Col. Fitzgerald. The question of forming a Church Council was then raised by the Rev. T. B. Powell, who explained the duties of such a body and suggested that it consist of about 25 members.

Sir Henry Pollock, the Rev. R. J. Northcott, and Mr. W. L. Patten supported the proposal, which was carried.

The following were appointed with power to add to their number: Lady Pollock, Miss Middleton Smith, Miss Mow Fung, Messrs. L. Forster, F. Clements, L. A. R. Duncan, W. Zimmern, Andrew Cheung, S. M. Goddard, F. Mason, and E. G. Stewart.

Mr. F. Mason, the organist, explained the position of the organ and suggested two schemes, one involving the expenditure of \$4,000 and the other \$10,000. He recommended the adoption of the bigger scheme, as this would mean that the organ would be entirely rebuilt.

It was decided to carry out the larger scheme.

Mr. W. L. Patten mentioned that the Rev. Copley Moyle would soon be leaving for Home and on behalf of the meeting, he wished him a pleasant holiday, and a safe return.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle thanked the speaker and the members for their good wishes and for the way in which they had worked for the benefit of the Church.

### CLOSER RELATIONS.

AMERICA AND FOREIGN POWERS.

INTERESTING PREDICTION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, January 30.

Mr. Gary, Chairman of the Steel Corporation, who is a friend of President Coolidge, in a speech, predicted that the United States would have more intimate relations with foreign nations in the near future. He believed Mr. Coolidge was endeavouring to ascertain the sentiment of the large majority of the people of the United States regarding this with a view to carrying out their wishes as far as he conscientiously could.

### SHIPPING TROUBLE.

AUSTRALIA'S PROLONGED TRAVAIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

MELBOURNE, January 30.

The Seamen employed on the steamer "Moeraki" returned to their duties this morning, but the wharf labourers refused to coal the vessel until she was fully manned.

SYDNEY, January 30. It is reported that the Inter-State shipowners are asking Mr. Justice Powers to de-register the Seamen's Union owing to the refusal to man the steamer "Levuka."

### TOWNS EVACUATED.

DARMSDADT AND WESEL.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, January 30.

A message from Dusseldorf states that the Belgian troops have evacuated Darnstadt and Wesel, and that the French military have ordered the evacuation of a large number of public buildings in Bochum.

Darnstadt is one of Germany's very old towns. It is a very important industrial centre on the river Rhine. Wesel is a strongly fortified town of Prussia, at the Lippe's confluence with the Rhine. Bochum is also a Prussian town, north of Dusseldorf. It has great steel and iron works, and there are coal mines near.

## ARE SCOTSMEN REALLY MEAN?

(By Sir Harry Lauder.)

There is nothing a Scot won't try once. I'm a grand man at entertaining ye keen, and I can say anything wi' music, but I fear me to write wi' a Scotch accent. I'm fearful I may do some damage when I take up the pen. They say it is michtier than the sword. I know—that whiles it makes a mess that's harder to clean up.

You must understand that bit of a newspaper laddie that had his livin' to earn, same's us all come to see me to ask me one question. "Are Scotsmen mean?" he says, and stood by to run.

"Mean?" And then I tell him something. Ay, Laddie, it's all 'mean' the Scots. They all mean to be a success. They all mean to get to the tip-top of the tree. My, he looked a fool, did that laddie. But the question set me thinking, an' just I'll tell ye something.

Scotsmen are not mean. That's just a crack the English bodies take at them. Once there was an Englishman crossed the border to do business with a Scot. He gave the Scot a drink. He kept on givin' him drinks, the Glasgow man spendin' ne'er a shillin'. The Englishman thought it was meanness. It was business. The Scot couldn't gie mind to the liquor, an' the business, and have to worry about losin' his money trottin' back. That was sense; but the other man couldn't see it. Maybe the virtue becomes a defect once in a great while, but man, it's a grand philosophy.

It's a bad habit to get into, givin' money away. You lend to a friend, but you collect from an enemy. Mind, if it's to do somebody a good turn, it's different; but fine good turn deserves another. The meanest man I ever heard of was the fellow in the United States, who sent his mother a telegram on his own birthday, congratulating her on her good luck. And he sent it "collect."

I'll tell ye about an auld Scot I met once. I'd been appearing in the town the night before, and I met him on the street. "Man, I'm fair delighted to see ye," he said, a broad grin on his face. Naturally I thought he'd been to the show. "How did ye enjoy the entertainment last night?" I asked. "Oh," says he, "I didna see it!" I said thunderstruck, and I asked him what excuse he had to offer. "Oh," he says, "my wife was there, an' my doctor an' my two sons. They tell me all about it the mornin' mornin', and of course, I'll be mair interestin' now readin' the papers about ye."

"Man," I said, "ye saved the siller, but oh, the pleasure ye lost!"

Giving people money fosters laziness and creates irresponsibilities. Scotsmen as a rule are hard workers. We as a nation are faced by the stern necessity of producing, and we think every other body should be the same. Because we hold and fly the banner of work, the world says we're mean, when ye're only philosophical. If we're generous, what a lot of trouble ye lay up for yourself having to say "no" a dozen times a day.

Some folk wonder why the Scots leave Scotland. It's not because she's an inhospitable country that refuses a living to her sons. She grows the best beef in the world—and the best barley. Barley has made Scotland what it was. Alone, it may not seem so muckle a thing; but

man! with malt an' things! Scots wha Haig, that's the tune, ye ken. But I'll tell ye why we leave Scotland. We have a passion for law an' order an' good government, an' it fair breaks a Scot's heart to see how the world goes muddlin' through wi'oot a bit of kindly advice from a man who kens the best way. And ye see in every civilised country that the Scotsmen, and the women, too, are aye the best respectit, and the leading citizens in business, in politics and in Arts. We canna do all that an' be in Scotland too. It's over small to hold. All the men and women what the world is needin', and that's the real reason that we have never clamored and hawered over Home Rule. We had it, because we were ruling the country that thocht it was ruling us.

They say I'm a mean man. You'd never believe what I give away. No, one would. There was a steward in New Zealand I had a grand joke with. He carried my baggage from the ship. "Here's your bags, sir," he said. "Ay," I said, "have ye got the change o' a pound note about ye?" For ye'll ken I thocht, I had him. "Oh! aye," he said, smart as smart. "Then ye'll not be needin' the bit I was meakin' for to gie ye." I tell him, so I had him after all.

Ye'll have heard that one about ma boots havin' to be cleaned by my doer, whiles I had the laces. That was an exaggeration. I was no holding the laces. It was my manager. I could trust him. When I was playing golf in New Zealand, a caddy came up to go round with me. "How did you come to be let go wi' me," I asked the laddie. "Well, Sir," he said, "we tossed up, who should 'go.'"

"And ye won," said I amused at the competition the lads had had. "No, Sir," he replied, "I lost." And just for that I gave him five shillings. He was quite a hero, for the other laddies reckoned he must have saved ma life.

Another lie they tell about the Scot, is that he has no sense of humour. Don't you believe that. He can see a joke quicker than anybody but it has to be an awful good joke—smart and clean. But he doesn't often laugh, even when it's real funny. I'll tell ye a story to illustrate that. Once a long time ago now I was shooting wi' a friend or two over a farm on the bank o' the Dee in Aberdeenshire, on the road to Balmoral.

We adjourned to the farm to have something to eat. The auld farm-mither o' the hoose had invited a few people to come in and meet Harry. There was quite a tea party. O' course I had to entertain them a' crackin' jokes, and singin' wee snatches o' songs. Everybody, I could see, enjoyed the whole thing but the auld mither. She couldn't seem to raise any enthusiasm at all. She was staid and solemn; an' I watched her like a hawk out o' her little black eyes. I left wi' the impression I hadna made a hit.

Some time afterwards I was looking into a shop window on Broadway, in New York, when some one tapped me on the shoulder. Looking round, I recognized an old friend, a commercial traveller.

"Fancy seeing you here," he said, "when only six weeks ago

you were in the valley of the Dee." "Why, how do you know?" I asked. "You were shooting over Reid's farm," he said. "I was there two days afterwards."

My curiosity was roused, and I wanted to know what auld Mrs. Reid had said about me. My friend said, "Well, it's a great joke." She welcomed me in, and when I told her I was a friend of yours, she ushered me into the old dining-room, and pulling out a chair from the table, she said, "sit down, sit ye doon, that's the chair the great Harry Lauder was sitting on. My! What a comic you man is! Dear me, I'll never forget him. He sat on that chair for two hours crackin' jokes, tellin' stories, an' singin' bonny wee songs. Oh, what a comic it took me all ma time to keep frae launchin' richt oot at him."

"O'm fond o' pickin' up curios we ken, and once I was givin' a show in an English town, I came across a curio in a shop window. The man inside asked me half a crown. It was too much but I wanted it bad, but not had enough to pay all that good siller. I'll tell ye what," I said at last, "I'm Harry Lauder, and I'm givin' an entertainment tonight. I'll give ye sixpence for the bit ching an' a two-shillin' ticket for the entertainment." That got him.

There was another time a woman asked a friend whether she was going to the show where Harry Lauder was. "What Pay all that?" she says, "when I heard him years ago for tuppence, an' that, forbye, when he was at his best."

Ye never heard how the King and me was on the best of terms. I'll tell ye, and then I must stop, though I like fine spinnin' these yarns. There was a gentleman in London, named George Aston, who arranged all the command performances for the King.

One night, the King and Queen and the Duke of Cambridge were at my show at the Palace. I stopped to speak to George Aston, when the King and Queen turned the corner of the corridor. "Well good night George," says I to Aston, and the King heard. In a second he was bowing to me, and "Good night Harry," says he. It was the only time an actor called the King George and got away with it.

I want to say that though I'm a democratic man, the Royal family are just the sweetest family in the world, simple, ordinary people that you've just got to like. I'm tellin' ye mind.

## TOURISTS ARRIVE.

SIGHT-SEEING IN THE COLONY AND CANTON.

The "Belgenland" with 400 excursionists arrived in harbour shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. The giant liner is anchored to Admiralty buoy No. 1.

Immediately after arrival, the tourists were divided into groups, some proceeding to the Peak and Repulse Bay and others to the New Territories. About seventy visitors travelled to Canton on the a.s. "Honam," and about double this number will proceed there to-night by the "Lungshan" and "Sai On," specially chartered by the American Express Company for the purpose.

The "Belgenland" will leave for Manila on Monday.

## MEDICAL VISITORS.

ENTERTAINED BY CANTON CONFRERES.

KUNG YEE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

A party of over eighty foreign and Chinese delegates to the joint conference of the China Medical Missionary Association and the British Medical Association, left Hongkong on Wednesday for an excursion to Canton and a visit to the medical establishments in that commercial capital and most interesting city of South China.

On their arrival at Canton on Thursday morning they were met by representatives of the local medical bodies and were directly conducted through the fascinating city in sedan chairs through the maze of Canton streets to the Hackett Medical College for Women, where they were shown around the college as well as the Turner Training School for Nurses and the David Gregg Hospital for Women and Children.

From there the delegates were taken to the Canton Hospital which has the reputation of being the oldest hospital in China. The hospital is now maintained mostly as a relic of its noble past and it gave the visitors a good idea of how those old physicians had to work in those early days of the introduction of western medicine into China.

At noon the delegates were received by the authorities of the Kung Yee University Medical School and entertained at lunch. After lunch Dr. Lee Shu-fan, President of the institution, gave a most interesting talk on the history and phenomenal development of the Kung Yee Medical School which was started about fifteen years ago in a very unpretentious manner by a body of public minded Chinese. The school now occupies a valuable site in the city with a large campus embracing a group of fine buildings including medical school, hospitals, laboratories and staff quarters. The school now stands out as the leading and most promising medical institution in Canton. The valuation of the entire plant is quoted at over a million dollars. The yearly expenditure of the school and hospitals, for the past year was over \$100,000 but the hospitals have not been only self-supporting but have been able to turn over a substantial balance to the school each year.

The Kung Yee School aims at providing a high grade medical education in South China using the Cantonese dialect as the medium of instruction and having as one of its primary objects the training of efficient medical men and women for the practice of western medicine in Canton and other parts of China. The fees charged are low, being only \$130 a year for tuition, but for every dollar the student spends, the Kung Yee spends four. The commendable feature of this Chinese medical school is that in its endeavour to provide its students with the best medical education available, it has enlisted the services of the best known teachers in Canton irrespective of nationality, and being a non-sectarian institution, it maintains absolute freedom of religious beliefs.

Dr. Lim Boon-keng, President of the Amoy University, who was among the delegates present, made a short address thanking Dr. Lee for his kind hospitality. He made the significant remark that if Western medicine were to make any headway in this country and leave its beneficial impressions on the people, it must be taught in institutions like the Kung Yee, which is conducted by the Chinese, and where the medium of instruction used is the Chinese language. He expressed the hope that the institution would be able to play a leading part in the future of Western medicine in China.

## TO-DAY'S WEDDINGS.

CEREMONIES IN HONGKONG AND KOWLOON.

There are to be two local weddings this afternoon—one at St. John's Cathedral and the other at the Rosary Church, Kowloon.

At three o'clock the marriage is due to take place of Mr. W. R. Hillyer, Boarding Officer, Harbour Office and of Miss Violet B. Taylor, daughter of Mr. G. F. Taylor, light keeper of Green Island. The Rev. R. H. Copley Moyle is to perform the ceremony at the Cathedral.

The Rev. Father Spada is to officiate at the wedding, of Mr. Marcello F. Houghton and Miss Marie Rosario, due to take place at 4 o'clock at the Rosary Church. The Misses E. and J. Rosario and V. Langenberg are to be the bridesmaids. Mr. L. G. Rosario, the bride's brother, gives the bride away, and Mr. J. Barros and Mr. E. Cordeiro are to be best man and groomsmen, respectively.

A reception is to be held at 11 Hart Avenue, Kowloon, after which the bride and bridegroom will leave for their honeymoon at Macao.

## BOXING.

TO-NIGHT'S TOURNAMENT.

THE BEST CONTEST.

Two clever welterweights meet in the star bout of the Hongkong Boxing Association's Tournament to-night at the Theatre Royal. These are Marine Betts, of H.M.S. "Hawkins," and Pte Pooley, of the East Surreys. In previous contests over six rounds—two in number—the Marine gained the verdict on points. The general impression is that over the championship course—fifteen rounds—Pooley will show to better advantage than before. Betts and Pooley are fighting for the Scott Harston Belt in addition to the welterweight championship of the Colony.

The outstanding contest of the remaining six—a ten round affair—is likely to be that between Sig. Rogers, of H.M.S. "Tamar," and Cpl Major, of the Surrey.

Altogether the programme includes seven new appearances, these being Bow Bowles, of Surreys (bantam), Leading Stoker Piper and Stoker Dore, of the Submarines (welter and light, respectively), A. B. Jackson, of H.M.S. "Hawkins" (middle), Pte. Mann, of the Surreys (welter), Pte. Grant, of the Surreys (light), and Marino Townsend, of H.M.S. "Titanic" (bantam).

Boxing commences at 9.30 p.m. sharp.

Dr. Grosvenor, Vice-President of the China Medical Missionary Association, briefly replied, thanking the Kung Yee on behalf of the members of his association.

After lunch, the visitors were conducted through the attractive group of new hospital and medical school buildings within the Kung Yee campus. In the afternoon the delegates were taken to the Canton Christian College, where a tea party was given, after which the party returned to Kung Yee, where they were entertained at dinner by the President, Dr. Lee, and accommodated in the School dormitory for the night.

Friday was devoted to sight-seeing and shopping in Canton.

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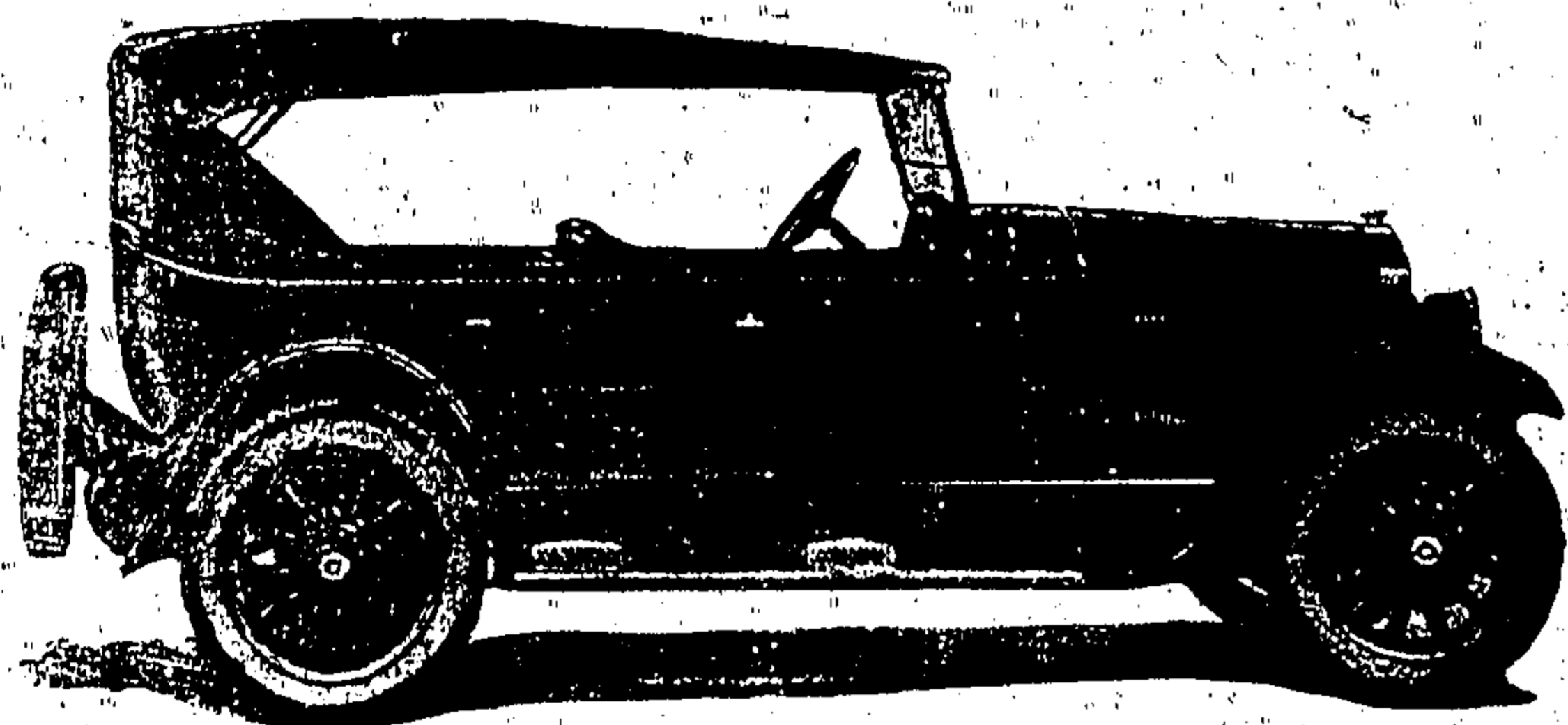
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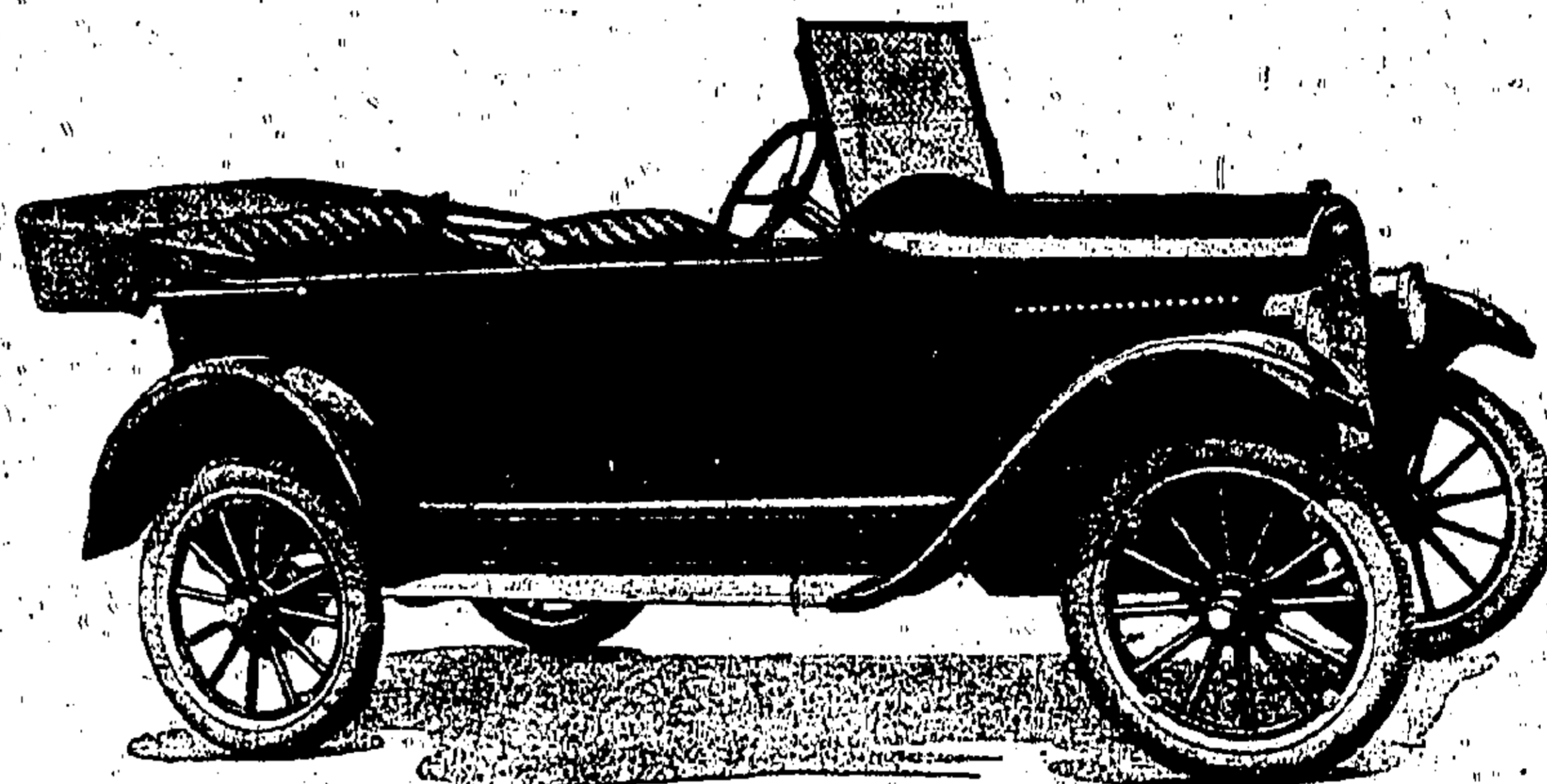
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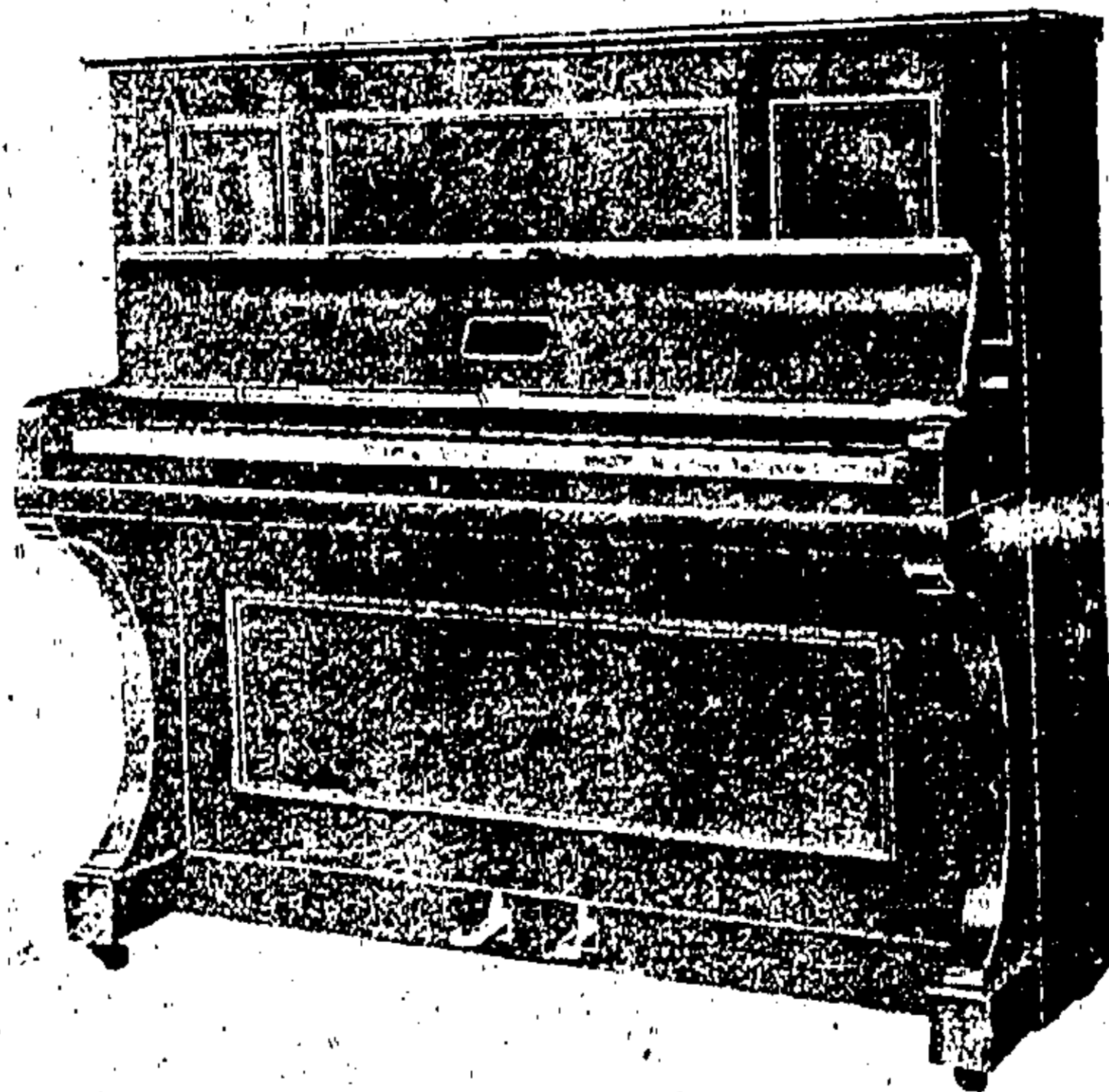
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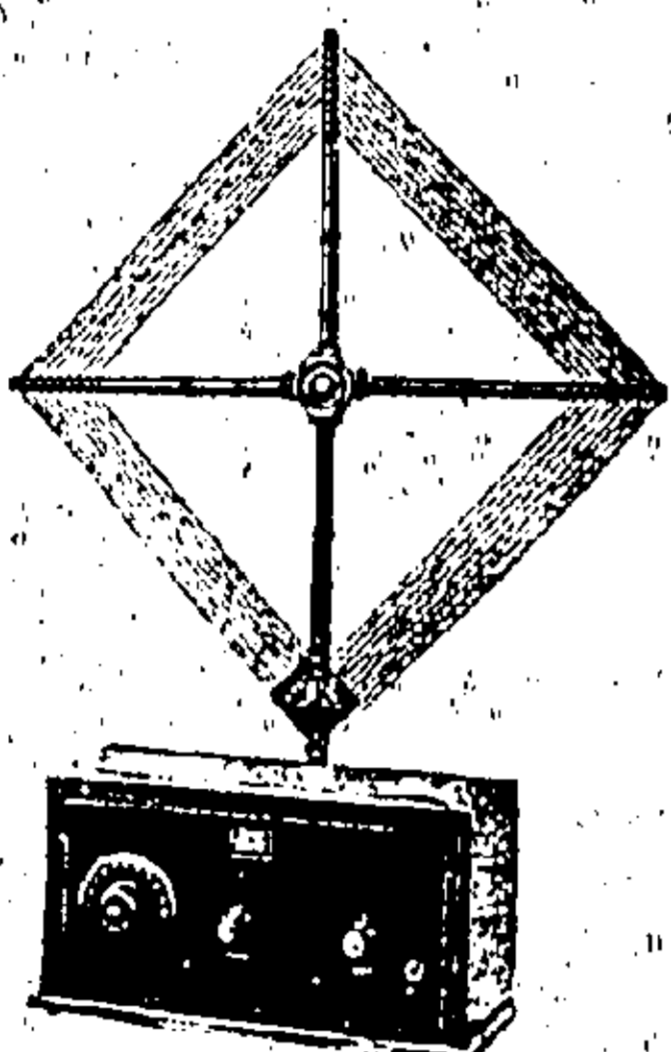
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Immediately at the close of the Campaign, the votes will be counted and the member having the greatest number of votes will be awarded the first prize. The one having the second greatest number of votes will be given the second prize, and so on down the list until all prizes have been awarded.

Votes are given free and can be obtained by securing fully paid subscriptions to The China Mail or Sunday Herald.

Votes issued to one member cannot be transferred to another member.

No employee of this paper or member of the employees' family may become a member.

The Campaign is open to anyone anywhere. With the first subscription for \$300.00 you secure you will be given the votes on the "First subscription coupon." You may use only one of these coupons during the entire campaign as no more will be counted for one member.

You will get the votes on all subscriptions as stated in the schedule published. This schedule of votes will never be changed. In addition to the regular votes, a special bonus of 500,000 votes will be given on every total of \$100.00 subscription money turned in during the first period ending February 21st, 1925. You will receive just as many extra ballots of 500,000 votes as you turn in totals of \$100.00 between now and February 21st. This is the greatest special credit offer of the entire Campaign and you will never again get as many votes for subscriptions.

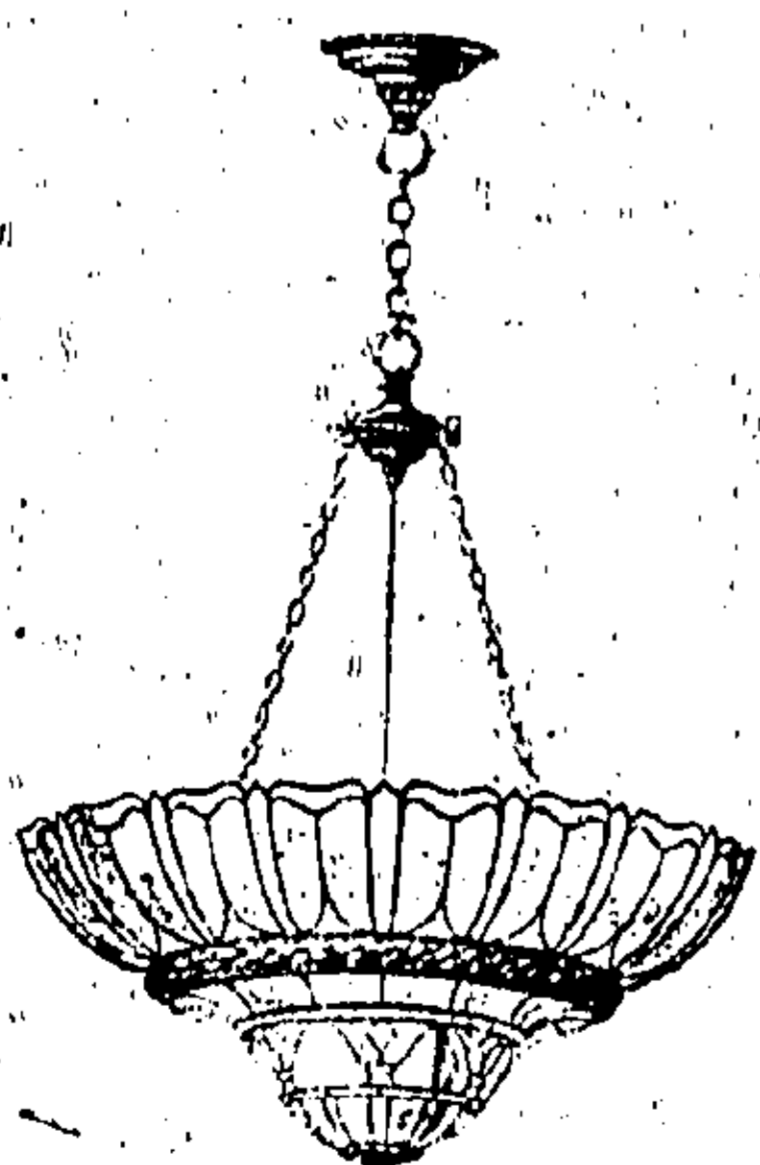
The rules are so easy and the plan so simple that anyone who desires may go in and get a big prize. With a little effort in the right direction, you will be surprised how easily the credits count up toward winning the grand prize. ENTER YOUR NAME TO-DAY.

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TWO bright, expensive cars, a piano and many other valuable prizes such as a Radio Set, Phonographs, Cameras, Gold Watches, etc., etc., complete the attractive list of gifts.

Any person residing within the circulation territory of THE CHINA MAIL and SUNDAY HERALD can share in this splendid gift distribution by entering as a member in the great popularity campaign. Votes, which alone will decide the winners, are obtained by clipping the free coupons from each issue of the paper and by having your interested friends subscribe to this paper.

Once entered, a candidate proceeds to the interesting and delightful task of gathering votes, and this merry task brings a zest and pleasure that only strong and fair competition can bring, as he goes on his way—progressing, planning and advancing his cause.

THIS CAMPAIGN is MOST LIBERAL in ALL ITS PROVISIONS. IT IS NOT EVEN NECESSARY THAT THE ENTRANT BE A SUBSCRIBER TO THE CHINA MAIL OR SUNDAY HERALD. ON THE OTHER HAND—IT COSTS NOT A CENT TO ENTER AND COMPETE FOR THE PRIZES. NEITHER NOW NOR AT ANY LATER DATE, ALL GIFTS ARE FREE. TO GATHER VOTES IS THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR SUCCESS.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL COVER THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 7th TO APRIL 4th, 1925, inclusive, and EVERY ENTRANT HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE WITH EVERY OTHER ENTRANT. THE REWARD WILL BE ON THE BASIS OF MERIT—ACCORDING TO EFFORT PUT FORTH.

TO-DAY—THE GREATEST OF ALL DAYS—COME IN AT ONCE AND GET AN EARLY START. SURELY ONE OF THESE LUXURIOUS MOTOR CARS IS FOR YOU! APPLY THIS OPPORTUNITY TO YOURSELF AND YOURSELF TO THIS OPPORTUNITY. READ THIS EPOCH-MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT OVER. THEN ACT—NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A FRIEND—AT ONCE!

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\$850.00 Collard Piano, purchased from, and on display at, the Anderson Music Co., Queen's Building.

\$300.00 Sleeper Monotrol Radio Set complete with special loud speaker. Purchased from, and on display at, the De Sousa & Co., China Building.

\$250.00 Brunswick Cabinet Phonograph. Purchased from, and on display at, the Brunswick Studio, Yvanovich & Co., 17, Ice House Street.

\$200.00 Semi-Indirect "Serbia" Bowl Electric fixture. Purchased from, and on display at, The General Electric Co., Queen's Building.

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Vacation trip for two people to Foochow and return, on the special vacation cruise of the Douglas Steamship Co.

Thousands of dollars in other prizes will be announced later. This Campaign is going to be the greatest ever, and prizes of every description will be announced from time to time. There will be prizes to appeal to everyone.

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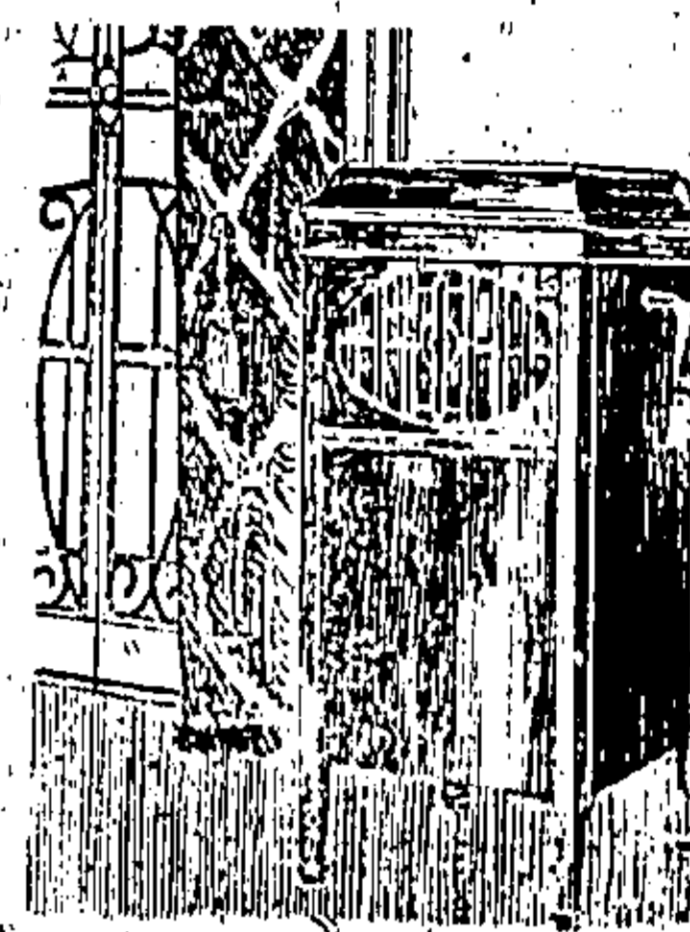
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It makes no difference where a Contestant lives or where subscriptions are secured. It does not cost one cent to enter the race and win a prize. A member does not even need to be a subscriber to the paper.

All that is necessary to win one of the beautiful prizes is a desire for the prize, and the honor of winning it, and a willingness to devote a little time to calling on your friends and getting them to help you.

At the close of the Campaign the votes will be counted by judges appointed by the members themselves. Each member is requested to select some prominent person to act as a judge. The judges so appointed will take charge of the ballot box and carry it to a public place where the votes will be counted and the prizes awarded in full view of the public.

With a little effort and a few minutes' work each day one of these beautiful prizes may be yours. Take advantage of every special credit offer. Watch the stories that are published each day, as they will take up many interesting points regarding the Campaign.

Any questions or controversies that may arise are to be settled by the Campaign Manager and his decision shall be final and conclusive.

In accepting entry, members agree to abide by the conditions named. The Campaign Manager reserves the right to make any changes in the conditions necessary in the interests of the campaign and contestants other than to reduce the number of prizes and the manner in which they are to be given.

### 8 DAY VACATION TRIP

Two Round Trip Tickets by the Steamers of the Douglas Steamship Company from Hongkong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) via Swatow and Amoy; returning by the same steamer, including meals while the steamer is in port. Stay at Pagoda Anchorage—whence communication with Foochow can be made by the Company's Launch—48 hours; at Swatow and Amoy—7 hours; on upward and downward Voyage. Duration of Voyage 8 to 9 days.

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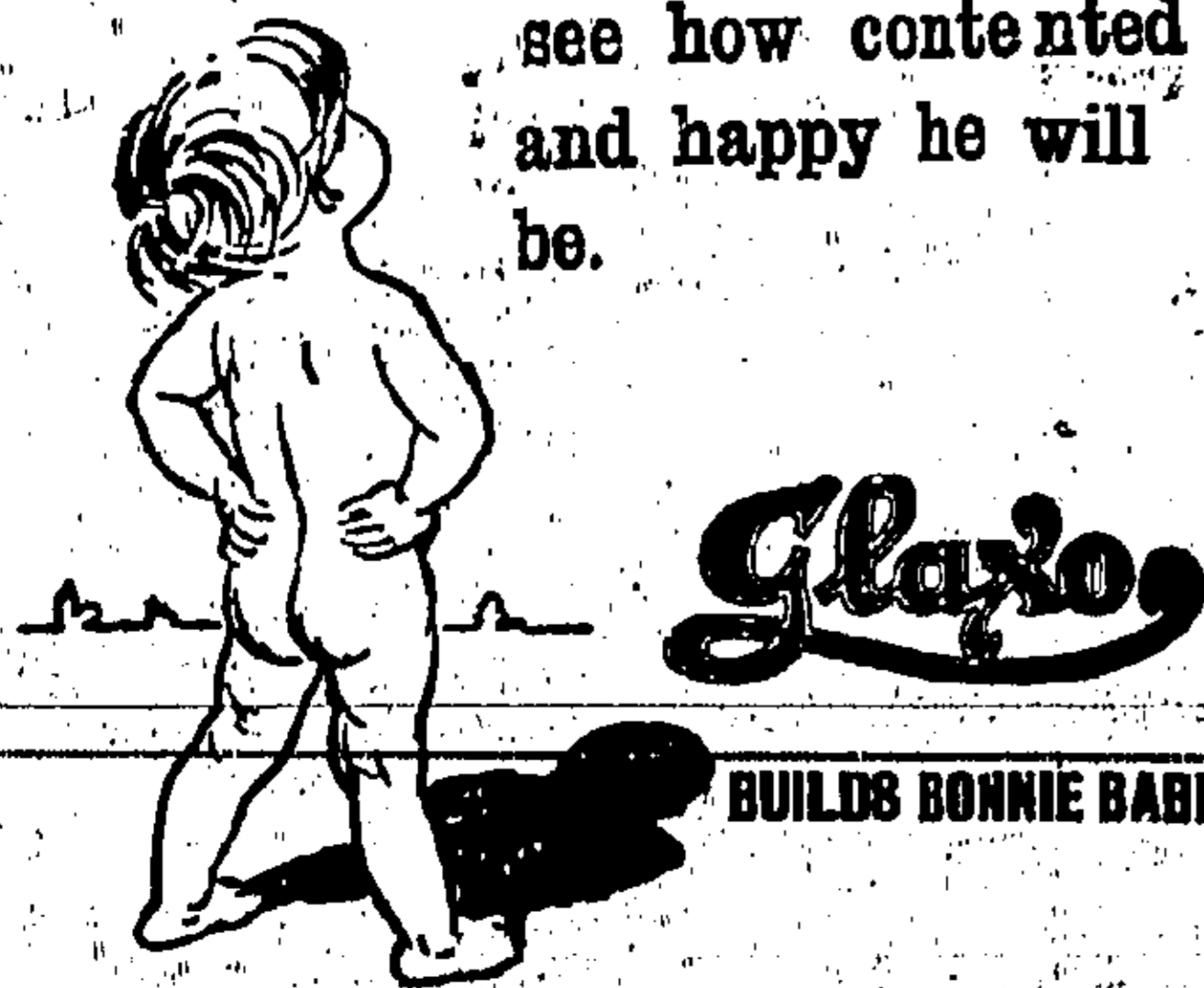
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon on February 8.

One case of typhoid fever (British) was notified to the health authorities on Thursday.

To-morrow is the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, and Monday is Candlemas Day.

Eighty-four years ago to-morrow the inhabitants of Hong-kong were declared to be British subjects.

Forms of application for an examination for the Indian Civil Service may be seen at the Colonial Secretary's office.

The Dunlop Rubber Company (China) Limited, have removed their office to the Hongkong Hotel annexe building (second floor).

It is notified that the name of the Hongkong Man Sang Kung Yick Association, Limited, has been struck off the register of societies.

It is notified in the Government "Gazette" that the provisions of the Rents Ordinance shall not apply in the case of domestic tenement at No. 36, Stanley Street.

An order by His Majesty in Council, published in the Government "Gazette," postpones the enforcement of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea till July 1, 1925.

The Superiores of the French Convent Hospital acknowledge receipt of the donation of \$41.70 given by the person who raffled the Buick seven-seater car, and tender him or her thanks for such a generous offering.

From the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (South China), Ltd., comes a useful pocket diary for 1925, which is replete with a host of valuable information on oil fuel and cognate subjects. As a handy source of information all the year round it should be invaluable.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. J. R. Wood, committed Gunner James Element to the Criminal Sessions for trial on a charge of serious assault on an eleven-year-old Chinese girl at Victoria Road, on January 7. The accused made no statement.

Notice has been given that Li Wah, manager of the Kung Wo restaurant, No. 405, Queen's Road West, has applied to the Licensing Board for a restaurant Adjunct licence in respect of No. 22, Des Voeux Road Central, such restaurant to be named the "Ka Ping restaurant."

About fifteen hundred Chinese packers have struck in consequence of the employers' refusal to accede to demands. In addition to other concessions, such as more barbers' allowance and better food, the men asked for an annual increase of 10 per cent of pay. The strike started a few days ago.

With a revival of interest in the opium question owing to the international conference at Geneva, it is interesting to recall that the first international commission in opium held its first meeting at Shanghai sixteen years ago to-morrow, namely, on February 1, 1909.

The speed trials of the China Navigation Company's new vessel s.s. "Anhui" built at Talkoo Dock commenced at 10 a.m. to-day. The following officers have been appointed:—Captain Penefather, Chief Officer C. H. Thompson, Second Officer N. Pounder, Chief Engineer H. George, Second Engineer J. Bell, Third Engineer W. Woodman.

Madeline Rossiter and Company were given a splendid send-off last night when they concluded their Hongkong season. They presented "Mixed Grill," in which all the members of the company excelled. The enthusiastic reception they received was evidenced by the large number of bouquets presented to the lady members at the conclusion of the last item before the interval.

"In our Guild we do not chop documents, we rely on each other as friends" was the (according to Western ways of thinking, at any rate) naive remark made by a defendant in the Summary Court yesterday when asked why he had no receipt for money he said he had paid to the plaintiff. According to the evidence of the plaintiff (which Mr. Justice Gompertz accepted) the defendant had been engaged by him to assess the damage at a fire and after he had obtained the insurance money he did not pay it over. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. D. McCallum and judgment was given for him.

On Thursday, January 22, His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain B. Neville A.D.C., dined with His Honour the Chief Justice.

Dr. Salomon Ho Asjoe, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edinburgh and Glasgow), has been admitted to practise in the Colony.

On Friday, January 25, His Excellency gave a dinner at Government House for members of the Medical Conference.

Lady Severn has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the Italian Convent School, Caine Road, on Tuesday, February 10.

To-morrow (Sunday) His Excellency the Governor will drive out to Fanling Golf Club to present the Governor's Shield and Captain's Cup to the winners of these trophies.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Arthur Lawrence Powell, revenue officer, of No. 1 Beaconsfield Arcade, to Miss Kathleen Heap, of Mount Austin Barracks, the Peak.

Mr. D. W. Lyon, of the Kobe Y.M.C.A., who has been on a visit in China, has returned to Kobe on the "Shanghai Maru." Among other passengers landing in Kobe was Mr. G. J. Elliott of the Hongkong Y.M.C.A.

The Shanghai interport football team, a large number of delegates to the Medical Conference and the Rossiter company of entertainers, sailed for Shanghai by the s.s. "President Lincoln" this morning. The delegates are returning to their respective posts.

Hon. W. W. Chalmers, representative in Congress from the ninth Ohio district, and a great friend of the late President Harding, is on a brief visit to Manila. He is making a tour of the Orient to study conditions at first hand. Mrs. Chalmers is with him.

On the passenger list of the s.s. "President Lincoln" due to sail for Shanghai this morning are many names well-known in Hongkong, such as Mr. C. Champkin, Mr. Fred and Mrs. Charles Hugo, Judge M. D. Pindy and Mr. Hugo Reiss.

On Monday, January 26, owing to a severe cold, His Excellency the Governor was obliged to cancel his engagements to attend the interport football match during the afternoon, and to dine with the Vice-Chancellor of the University in the evening.

Mr. S. Amari, the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, who assumed his post there in May, 1923, has received a telegram from Tokyo, instructing him to return to Japan. It is reported that he will leave Canton on or about February 20.

Mr. E. T. Byrne, Commodore of the Shanghai Yacht Club (accompanied by Mrs. E. T. Byrne) and Mr. A. L. Anderson, who both took part in the interport sailing races, this week, returned to Shanghai by the s.s. "President Lincoln" this morning.

Yesterday's Canton "Gazette" states:—"Telegrams from Peking received in official circles yesterday evening report that Dr. Sun's condition continues satisfactory in the circumstances, and gives no cause for anxiety. He is receiving the most competent attention at the hospital and is cheerfully and bravely facing the prospect of a long fight against the insidious disease that has prostrated him for the time being."

The following will compose the Boards for the examinations of Officers in the local Command for promotion, Subjects (a) and (c) for the year ending December 31, 1925:—Subject (a)—President A. Lieut.-Colonel, 5/2nd Punjab. Members: Major F. G. Hyland, M.C., R.E., and Major T. C. Greenwood, H.K.S., R.A. Subjects (c)—President Lieut.-Colonel F. S. Montague-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., East Surrey Regiment. Members: Lieut.-Colonel H. Trevelyan, R.E., and Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O., R.A.

On Tuesday, January 20, His Excellency the Governor invited the following to dinner to meet Commodore and Mrs. Stirling. Mrs. Stirling was unfortunately unable to attend owing to indisposition. Commodore Stirling was accompanied by Miss Stirling and his Secretary, Paymaster Lieutenant Churcher—Hon. Sir Claud and Lady Severn, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Terry, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Creasy, Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Honyman, H.H. Mr. and Mrs. Gompertz, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tang, Dr. and Mrs. Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. McElderry, and Lieut. Stephens, R.N.

Captain C. E. Lugard, 1st Batt, the East Surrey Regiment, will be the Field Officer of the week in the local Command, commencing on Monday.

Captain G. T. Williams and Mrs. Williams, having left for Home by the s.s. "Kalgan" on January 24, have been struck off the strength of the Command here.

A Chinese passenger in alighting from a motor bus at Nathan Road fell heavily to the ground and sustained injuries. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The last number of the "Freeman's Journal," Dublin, which was established in 1763, was issued on December 19. The paper has been taken over by Republicans.

Charles Rigault, a French soldier, aged 21, has been proclaimed the champion strong man of the world, an honour held until recently by a German. Rigault, using both arms, raised a weight of 367.21 lbs. in a competition held in Paris last night. He received a frantic ovation from the audience.

A portable bathing tent has been invented by a woman in which the owner acts as the pole by standing upright, while the tent extends outwards to the ground, enabling the owner to dress and undress in comfort. This is one of the many inventions for which women have been responsible last year. As usual, inventions relating to clothing and household work head the list. In one device success and kettles are provided with means whereby the heat generated during the boiling of water can be utilized for cooking different articles while the water is kept quite clean. The list of inventions for which women have applied for patents during the year includes:—Devices for drying the hair by changeable scissor blades, so that scissors may be used for heavy tailoring or making buttonholes. A transparent umbrella, enabling the holder to see where he or she is going. Patents for holding hats on without hatpins and safety devices to prevent accidents by escaping gas.

The Japanese papers have been giving columns to line, the reputation of Onoda, a gentleman who seems to have certain pretensions to divinity, but whose reputation for importance depends mainly on his proclivity for visiting great men and discussing the situation with them, says the "Japan Chronicle." Great men in Japan are wonderfully patient. In most countries they are inaccessible except to their friends, but in Japan any ruffian can call and see them. The patriots this time have gone against Onoda, and demand that he be punished on the charge of fraud that has been brought against him. They also have been pestering the great men, including the Minister of Justice. In pre-democratic days there may have been something to be said in favour of the system of giving audience to those who had an opinion to express, though it does not seem to have been done so much then. In the "Tales of Old Japan" we have the story of a man who was crucified with all his family for the offence of putting a letter containing the humble petition of oppressed cultivators into the palanquin of the Shogun. Discipline has been much relaxed since the good old days.

The attempt to force married women to take the names of their husbands has met with a setback. Miss Helena Normanton, English barrister, who was admitted as a member of the Middle Temple in 1919, a few hours after the enactment of the Sex Disqualification Removal Act, was married in 1921 and continued to practice under her own name; but when, a year later, she was called to the bar, bitter opposition arose among serious legal authorities. The Joint Council of the Four Inns of Court solemnly sat upon the question for eight months or so and finally decided that Miss Normanton had a right to use her own name if she chose. Last September she applied, under her hard-won name, to the British Foreign Office for a passport. It was refused on grounds of public policy. She submitted a brief citing the arguments and precedents that had convinced the jurists of the Inns of Court. The Foreign Office considered the evidence and granted the passport. American precedent has also been broken, for the American Consul in London has given Miss Normanton a visa, and thus has planted the seed of the "State Department of the United States on an unenfranchised and improper maiden" name.

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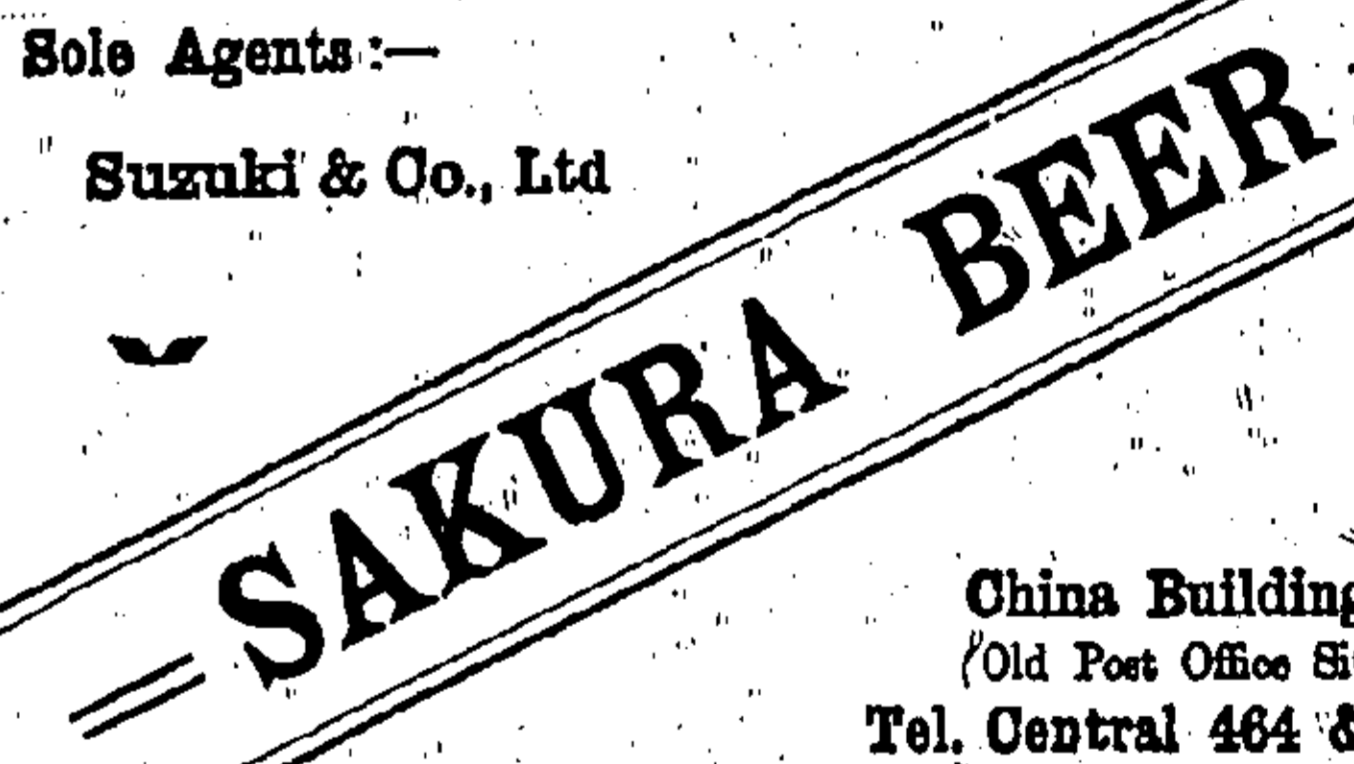
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"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"DOROTEA"	8,943	8th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"SARDINIA"	8,943	15th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	8,943	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	10,941	21st Feb.	Marseilles and London
"BOUDAN"	8,943	28th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	8,943	28th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	8,913	28th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,912	4th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"KARMA"	8,943	11th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	18th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"NAGOYA"	8,943	25th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"BOUDAN"	8,943	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,943	11th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,912	25th July	Marseilles and London

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)		
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Feb.
"TILAWA"	10,000	14th Feb.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	15th Feb.
"TAKIWA"	7,036	16th Feb.
"TAREKA"	7,133	16th Mar.
"TAKADA"	6,946	30th Mar.

ASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)		
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Feb.
"TANDA"	6,956	16th Feb.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st Apr.

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"ALAMBA"	8,018	4th Feb.	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji and Kobe
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"KASHGAR"	8,943	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"BOUDAN"	8,943	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TAREKA"	7,133	24th Feb.	Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,912	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SICILIA"	8,913	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"TAKADA"	6,946	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	8,943	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,943	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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# NEW YEAR'S DAY IN ESKIMO LAND

Day Without a Sunrise  
How the Strange Folk  
of Arctic Alaska Live  
and Amuse Themselves  
in the Dark—The Snow  
Lamp—The Wonderful  
Lamp.

By RENE BACHEL

New Year's Day among the Eskimos of Alaska is, strictly speaking, not a day to all. For the day does not rise. There is a generally-accepted notion that in those Arctic latitudes the year is divided into six months of continuous daylight and six months of uninterrupted night. That is an absurd mistake. But there is one month, in mid-winter, when the sun does not make its appearance at all, remaining below the horizon.

New Year's Day comes not far from the middle of that month. Thus it is a day of darkness, so far as direct solar illumination is concerned. Yet it is not really dark, because there is moonshine when clouds do not obscure the sky, and nearly all the time there is a brilliant display of the wonderful aurora borealis.

Not until very recently has it come to be known that the aurora borealis is an electrical phenomenon produced by the sun. As we see it, in rare occasions, its bright streamers seem to rise from the horizon, the aurora borealis is viewed in far Arctic regions, they are seen to start from fifty miles or more up in the air, and the gorgeousness of the spectacle they present is indescribable.

The middle of the month of the sun's absence in those latitudes is December 21, the winter solstice. Thereafter, the solar orb begins to appear above the horizon, each day higher and higher, until at the time of the summer solstice (June 21) it is seen at an angle of about forty-five degrees. At no time does it attain a greater elevation than that; the Eskimos never see the sun overhead.

Warm and Cozy Houses.  
During the months of darkness the Eskimos do almost entirely from outdoor occupations. The New Year's weather is of course intensely cold, but in their snow huts they are warm and comfortable. Indeed, these strange houses are like ovens, overheat by the whole-oil lamp that furnishes both warmth and illumination.

The snow house, which is the winter dwelling of the Eskimo, represents one of the most remarkable of architectural inventions, for, in its construction, the problem is solved of erecting a dome without the use of scaffolding.

To furnish suitable building material, the snow-hut that serves as a quarry must have been forced by a single storm, so as to be solid and homogeneous. It must yield blocks of fine grain, yet soft enough to be easily cut with saw or snow-knife.

Two men do the work, one cutting while the other builds. The blocks are cut 3 or 4 feet long, 2 feet high, and 6 to 8 inches thick. Instead of laying them in parallel courses like bricks, they are so placed as to form a spiral, inclined inward to make the structure dome-shaped, the spiral culminating in the middle of the top, where two or three triangular pieces are put in to close the hole.

In order to reach high enough, the builder makes a snow bench inside, on which he stands while finishing the upper part of the hut. Finally, the joints are made tight by pressing snow-mortar, or a thin layer of snow, into the crevices. The interior of the house is finished by a smooth layer of snow, and the whole is covered with a layer of seal-skins.

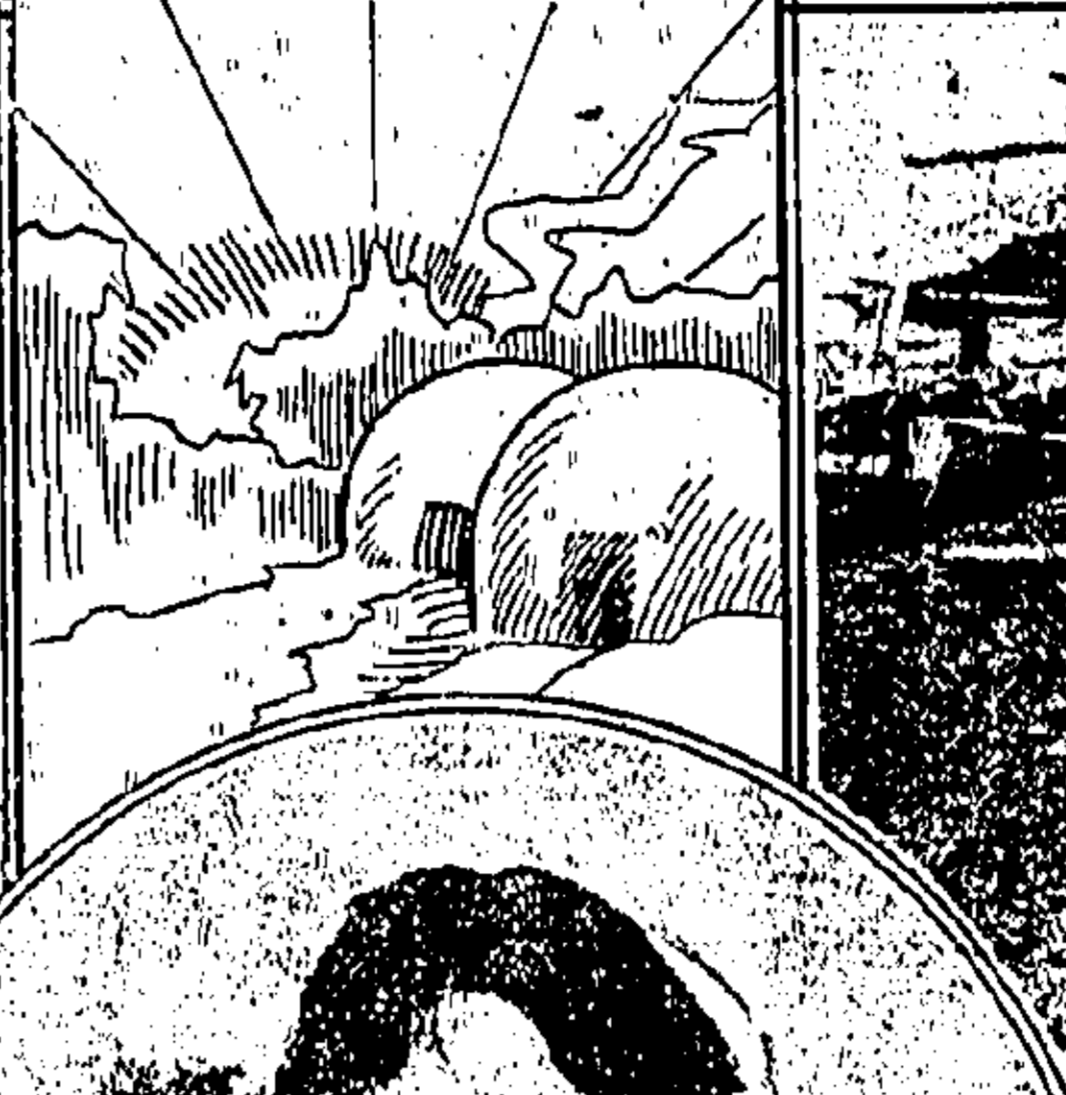
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When finished, the house is ten or twelve feet high and perhaps fifteen feet in diameter, and has the appearance of a hemisphere of snow set on its flat side. A sort of entrance-hall is added outside, with a passage big enough to crawl through; and, for a window, a slab of clear, fresh water-ice is set into the wall. Or the window may be a square hole covered with seals' intestines sewn together, which, being translucent, admit daylight.

The dwelling is really an inhabited oven, ingeniously insulated. To prevent its interior warmth from escaping, it is lined with the skins that cover the Eskimo summer tent; or, for the same purpose, quantities of loose snow may be heaped over it. Even the family bed is a bench of snow, with a layer of seal-skins, a mattress of shrubs, and a blanket of deer-skins.

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wick, of dry moss rubbed with a little fat, is laid along the edge on the straight side, and when kindled it affords a brilliant and beautiful light without perceptible smoke or offensive smell.

The lamp is made to supply itself with oil by suspending a long, thin slice of whale-blubber or seal-blubber near the flame, the heat of which causes the oil to drip into the vessel until all of it is extruded. High above the lamp is a net or framework for the reception of any wet things, usually laden with boots and mittens. Directly over the lamp is the cooking-pot.

Lamp The Domestic Centre.  
The lamp is the most important article of furniture in the house—no important, indeed, that the whole life of an Eskimo household may be said to revolve about it. It is the special and particular property of the woman. Though (as sometimes happens) two or three families inhabit one hut, each maternal head must have her own lamp. Among those people, to speak of "a woman without a lamp" is to express the idea of utmost wretchedness. When a woman dies, her lamp is placed in her grave.

The Eskimos drink extraordinary quantities of water—a fluid not always easy to obtain in a region where during half the year the normal condition of water is that of a rock. In the house,

in winter, there is always a lump of clean snow on a rack close to the lamp, with a tub to catch the water that drips from it. When tramping about, they are constantly eating snow by handfuls; and, while on the march, the women carry small canteens of seal-skin, which they fill with snow and keep inside of their bladders, in order that the heat of their bodies may melt the snow and provide a supply of fresh water.

They have a great fondness for tobacco, which they buy from traders, and the habit of chewing the weed is well-nigh universal among them. Men, women and even unwashed children keep a quid constantly in the mouth. They do not spit out the juice, but swallow it—a practice which, strange to say, does not seem to produce any unpleasant effects. To make their tobacco go further, for smoking in pipes, they cut it up very fine and mix it with twice the quantity of fine-chopped willow twigs.

Wood Fetched By The Sea.  
In those far northern latitudes there are no trees; but there is usually plenty of driftwood thrown up on the sea-beaches, mostly in the form of water-worn logs brought down to the ocean by rivers. Wrecks of ships help out the supply of driftwood more or less. The willows that grow near the coast are nothing but creeping vines, sometimes used for fuel. Catkins serve as tinder.

On hunting expeditions in the winter time, the Eskimo protect their eyes against snow-blindness by wearing goggles, which are of wood with narrow horizontal slits, admitting only a little light, yet giving sufficient range of vision.

To destroy wolves, they sometimes employ a most ingenious and rather diabolical contrivance, which is simply a stick of whalebone a foot long and half an inch wide, sharpened at both ends. It is folded into the shape of the letter Z, wrapped in blubber, and frozen solid. Then it is thrown out upon the snow. A wolf finds it and swallows it whole; the heat of his body thaws the blubber, and the whalebone, straightening out, pierces the walls of his stomach.

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Animals Of The Ark.  
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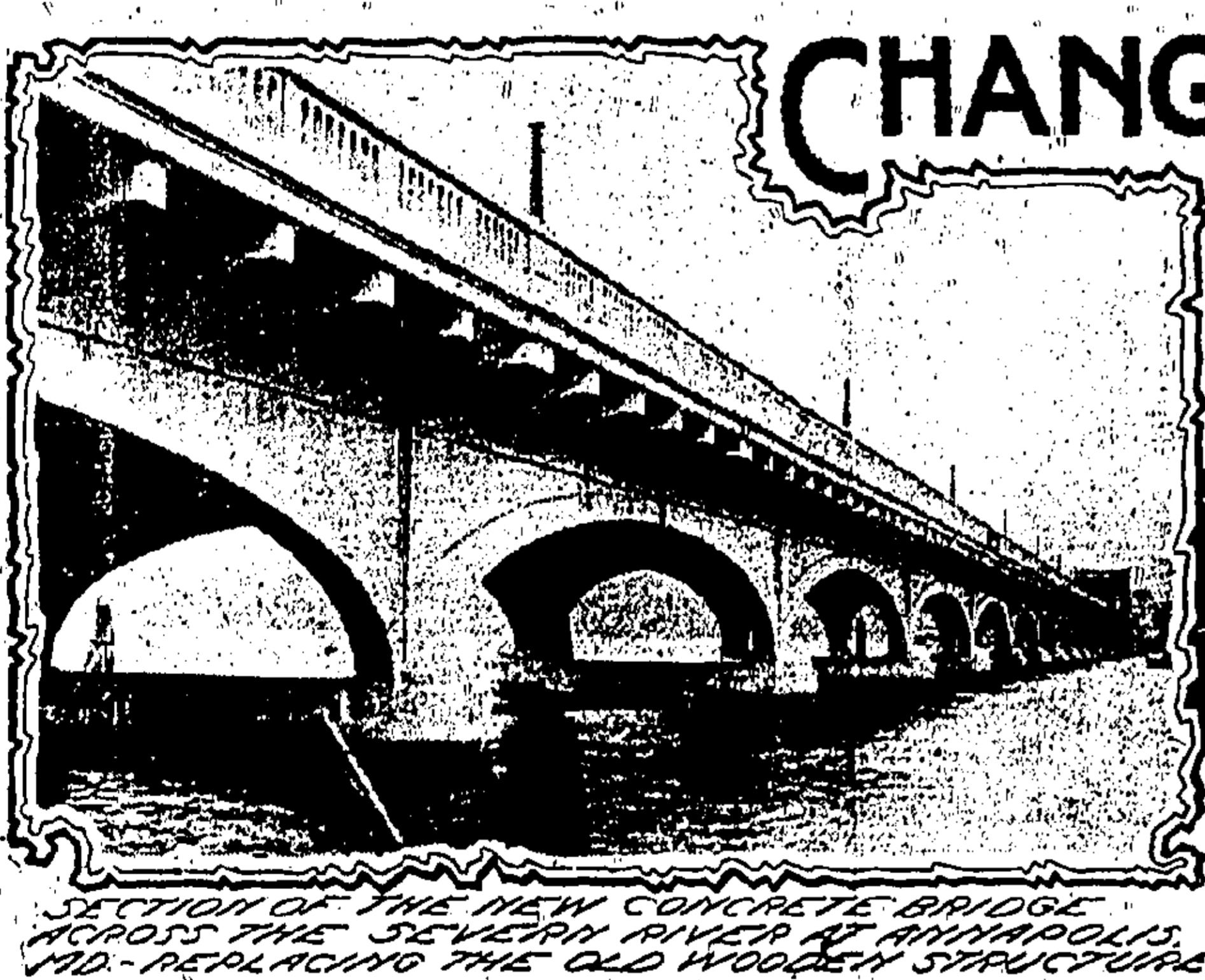
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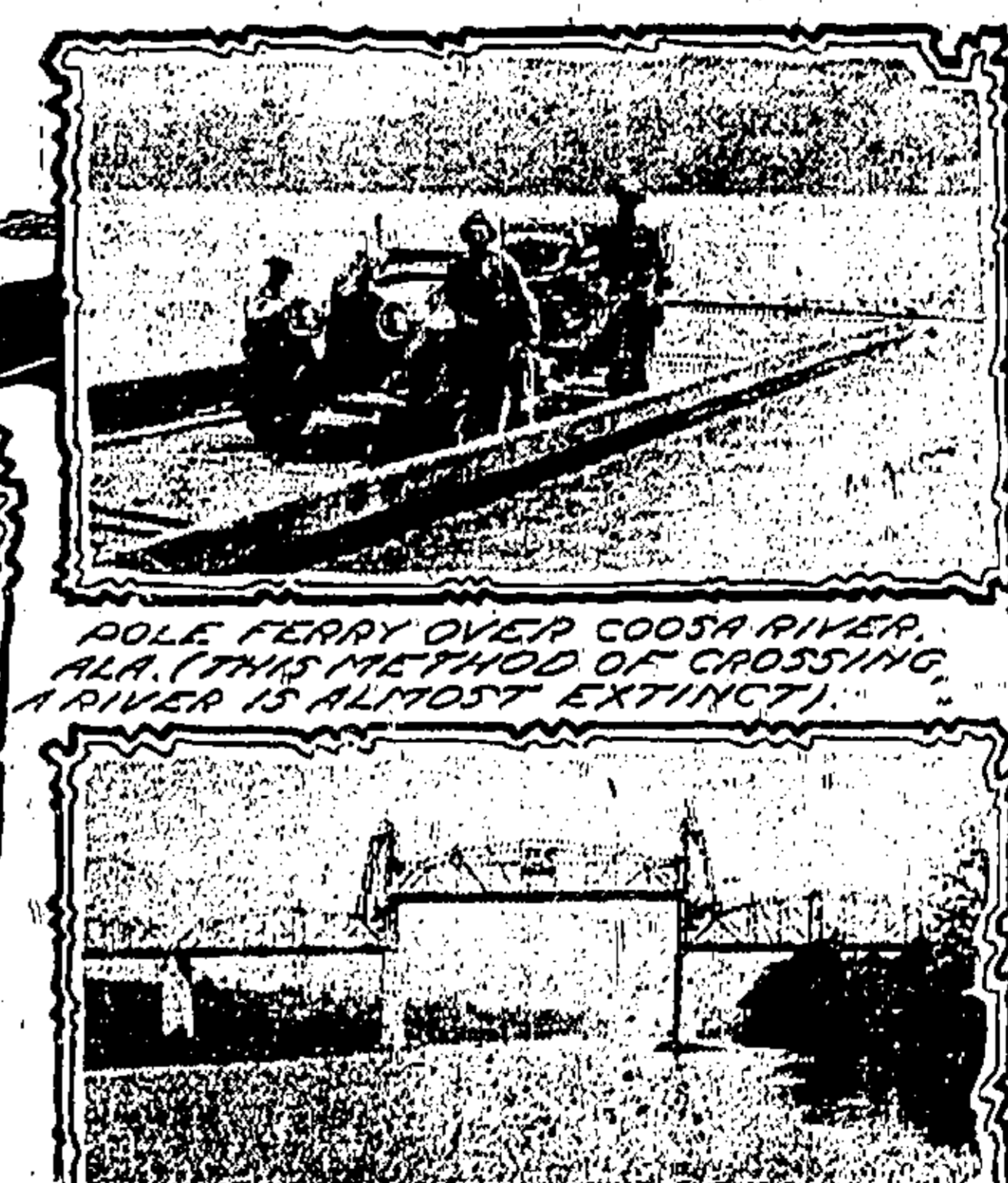
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[By NORMAN C. McLOUD.]

Changes in bridge building have progressed hand-in-hand with the development of the modern highway. The time has gone when a bridge could be built by throwing some stringers across a stream and covering them with a flooring of boards. This may have served for the days of the horse and wagon, but it is no longer in vogue. High-pressure traffic with trucks and motors calls for bridge construction of an entirely new type.

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Of similar importance is the new way of determining the needs of a proposed bridge in point of carrying capacity. The requirements vary with the density

of traffic. The bridge which will prove adequate to the community of to-day will be sadly lacking in the eyes of material development of the surrounding territory. For this reason the bridge engineer, or somebody working with him, must be a student of community growth and development. Foremost of the future is an essential element in the satisfactory planning of bridges.

More than one instance has been recorded in which the forecast was lacking. This was especially apt to happen in the early days of the automobile. Twenty years ago few people could believe that the motor-vehicle would so quickly crowd and monopolize the thoroughfares of the entire United States. When the country had less than a million cars, in operation their presence was of minor importance. To-day, with three cars to every five families, the problem is one of acute significance.

Costly Lessons.  
This rapid multiplication of the motor

vehicle brought about its tragedies to the taxpayers. Highways and bridges were built without realization of the strain to be created within a few years. As automobiles increased the new construction, so proudly discussed a few years before, proved itself totally unable to bear the added burdens. The country is full of cases of this kind, in which counties were compelled to go to the expense of tearing out the work so recently completed and replacing it with highways and stream crossings to meet the new conditions. Even foresight is not always productive of satisfactory results. The automobile is a thing of vast flexibility. To

the tireless engine and air-cushioned tires of this modern vehicle a few miles of additional travel constitute a factor of little moment. I know of a bridge recently erected on a road along which there was little traffic. The great bulk of the travel had already chosen a route which formed a shorter channel of communication between two cities in one of the central states. As a secondary highway the longer road seemed to require a bridge no larger than was called for by the local traffic of the immediate neighborhood. For this reason a small structure was planned and constructed. Bridge Created Traffic.  
Within twelve months the new bridge

had proved its own undoing. In passing between the two cities, motor travel showed an obstinate determination to use the longer route. Little study was needed to explain this shift of traffic. The authorities soon found that the explanation lay in the lure of attractive scenic setting. The shorter route was flat and uninteresting. The longer road was picturesque and full of charm. With the erection of the new bridge and the completion of the hard-surfaced highway, motorists took to the long trail as naturally as if it had been the only channel of communication. The few extra miles meant nothing more than the use of a few extra

minutes, and the scenic route soon became the favorite. This shift disregarded the circumstance that the shorter road had been equipped with wider roadway and larger bridges. The motorists could not be induced to go back to the main highway, and the county found itself forced to reconstruct the road and bridges on the longer route to meet the unexpected travel with which it had been favoured.

The development of highway bridges has been full of interest. Even now it is possible for the tourists to make an interesting study in contrasts. On the main-travelled thoroughfares he will find the new type of bridge in all its impressive strength of steel girder or reinforced concrete. If he will leave these behind and make his way into the isolation of the byways he will still find the survivors of the older construction—the relics of the two-horse wagon or even the ox-cart.

One of the typical bridges of the old country highway is shown. In this picture both the bridge, and the horse-

drawn buggy are reminders of the past, but neither of them has become extinct. On the remote roads the motorist of to-day finds a fair sprinkling of streams spanned by structures of this character. It is fortunate for the bridge, as well as for the driver, that the strain of heavy motor cars is not often applied to the bridge which formerly served its purpose so effectively.

Covered Bridges Of The Past.

The covered bridge is also passing into history. Until a few years ago this wooden tunnel-shaped structure was a common sight throughout the eastern section of the United States especially in New England. Tradition has insisted that the covering was intended as a means of placing a limit on the loads to be carried but engineers state that the roof and sides were really meant for protection from the weather—that the added investment gave the bridge greater durability than more than offset the increased cost. On an important highway crossing the Kentucky River, a double-barrelled covered bridge is still in service after a life of nearly three-quarters of a century. Built in 1835 this structure is in good state of repair and seems ripe for several years yet to come.

The old-fashioned ferry has by no means disappeared. Stream crossings by this method are still operated by wandering motorists who leave the main-travelled thoroughfares. A pole ferry on the Coosa River in Alabama, is the subject of one of the illustrations. To most of us there is a striking contradiction in the sight of a touring car thus transported. The picture is strongly suggestive of times out of joint, of a clash between the old and the new with the time-honoured relic coming out the victor. It is certain, however, that the motorist who scorned this ferry would find it necessary to make a considerable detour in order to gain the opposite side of the river.

Federal Aid Bridges.  
Bridge building is one of the vital factors in the development of the present all-embracing system of Federal-aid highways fostered and participated in by the United States Government through its Bureau of Public Roads.

Notable examples are the bridges crossing the Missouri River near Bismarck, North Dakota, and at Mobridge, South Dakota. Similar examples are the new structures spanning the Santee and Savannah Rivers, between South Carolina and Georgia, forming an important link for travel between Charleston and Savannah. California has a valuable bridge across the Salinas River, between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Others cross the Appalachicola in Florida, the South Canadian River in Oklahoma, the Umpqua in Oregon, the Alabama in Alabama and the Haritan in New Jersey. All of these replace ferries or obsolete bridges, and are of more than local significance.

**CHURCH" NOTES.**

SHADOWS BEFORE.

**In The Mail.**

It is strange that we understand so little about prayer. With most people including the greater part of the professedly religious, it is regarded simply as a sort of spiritual safety-valve, adapted to relieve the soul from strain and over-pressure. Is any afflicted, they say, let him pray: and as for us, who are merry, we will sing psalms. Now, if we were looking at a steam engine, and meditating over the motive power of it, we

February 12, — Sir Hax

of it "What a mighty power is stored up in this little lever." On the contrary, our attention would be fixed on the piston and the steam at the back of it, and on the laws which govern its protraction, expansion, and condensation. And we need scarcely say that there is not much in common between those who regard prayer simply as an emotional safety-valve, and those who look upon it as one of the great moving forces of the spiritual world. It happens often enough that there are forces in the world of which people generally are ignorant, or of which they have an idea that is totally inadequate. For instance, we have known cynical politicians deride the expression of public opinion, as being valuable only as a political safety-valve, and useful to keep the "many-headed monster," the populace, from more dangerous courses; but of once or twice that they have awakened to find that they had been taken before the rush of a well-formed public sentiment. So that we say rightly public opinion is of great force. And certainly the

at noon.

very incommensurate' to the part which it occupies, not only in the development of the life of the individual soul, but in the life and lot of the world at large.

Moreover, the literature of devotion—which is chiefly concerned with prayer—is amongst the best reading in the world. The study of it brings us in contact with the world's greatest spirits—with Jesus, with Paul, with Augustine, with Francis, with Luther, with Wesley. It is the meeting ground of opposing creeds, where they fuse, lose their opposition, become one prevailing tradition. Then you are reading Augustine's *Confessions*, or Andrew's *Devotions*, or Bishop of Wilson's *Sacra Privata*; you forget the theological differences; you are in contact with one and the same spiritual energy. To keep on the outer circle of more fussy activities whilst neglecting this innermost force, is like turning a hand loom, and forgetting steam or electricity.

In the world of the spiritual, as in that of the physical, to reach the true sphere of power we must go down from the circumference to the innermost centre.

—J. B.

THY PRAYERS.

Oh, pray for me!  
My faith is feeble, and my light is dim,  
God will uphold us if we look to Him;  
He knows our weakness, yea, our Father cares  
For, Father, I need thy prayers.

Willst thou pray for me?  
Life is so difficult, and 'neath its load  
We bend and falter on the weary road  
Our Saviour, say'st thou, every sorrow share'st  
Yet friend, I need thy prayers.

The following have served on the committee:

and feel such blessedness as  
 long ago  
 When one I lov'd and lost his  
 life did bear  
 upon the wings of prayer.  
 Oh pray for me!  
 thy lamp has been so bright, and  
 burn'd so long  
 that thou can't keep another soul  
 along  
 thy intercession: yea, our Father  
 hears!  
 sends answer to thy prayers.  
 —UNA.

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## COUNTESS OF OXFORD ON THE STAGE?



MRS. MARGOT ASQUITH.

From London comes word that Mrs. Margot Asquith, now the Countess of Oxford, is contemplating an appearance on the stage, provided she is allowed to play in "really low comedy."

## Switzerland's President.



JEAN M. DE MUSY.

Jean Marie de Musy has been elected the new President of the Republic of Switzerland and has assumed office. His term is for a year only.

## FIGHT FOR CUSTODY OF A CHILD.



MRS. ALLEN SOPP, CATHERINE BELCHER AND MRS. MARY BELCHER.

Mrs. Allen Sopp and Mrs. Mary Belcher, grandparents of 3-year-old Catherine Belcher, are fighting for the child's custody. Catherine was orphaned when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Osmond Belcher, were killed while making a first trip in Belcher's especially constructed aeroplane when the machine crashed. Both Mrs. Sopp and Mrs. Belcher see the image of their dead children in the orphan and are waging a spirited fight in the courts for her custody.



AGO VON MALTZAN.

Herr Ago von Maltzan, German diplomat, has been appointed Germany's latest Ambassador to the United States, to succeed Herr Otto von Winterfeldt. He is forty-seven years old, married, and has a five-year-old daughter.

## COOLIDGE AGAINST INAUGURAL DISPLAY.



COOLIDGE INAUGURAL COMMITTEE.

President Calvin Coolidge has stated plainly that he wants as little fuss and feathers as possible in connection with his inauguration next March, and has indicated that if an inaugural ball is held, as has been contemplated, he will be among the missing. Included among members of the inaugural committee which called on the President are (left to right): August Eppard, David Lynn, Senator Hale, Senator Curtis, and Mr. Hadley.



MRS. E. M. VANE.

Mrs. Flora M. Vane is the first woman to be elected to the State Senate in Pennsylvania. She is the widow of Senator Edward A. Vane, leader of his party for many years. Mrs. Vane is a lover of the outdoors, especially of horseback riding.



ABOVE: MAMIEN ORAKHELASHVILI, SIEGO OROZHENEKIDZE, (Below) M. STALIN.

A new power has arisen in Trans-Caucasia, a power which many political observers believe may become ruler of all the Russia. It is the Republic of Georgia. Able leaders, drafted from the ranks of the discontented in the Soviet regime, are taking of this new State a potent factor in government. Mamien Orakhelashvili is President of Georgia. M. Stelin, one of the ablest of Russia's leaders, has joined in the formation of the new government. Siego Orozhenekidze is commander of the Georgian army.

## Childless Marriages.



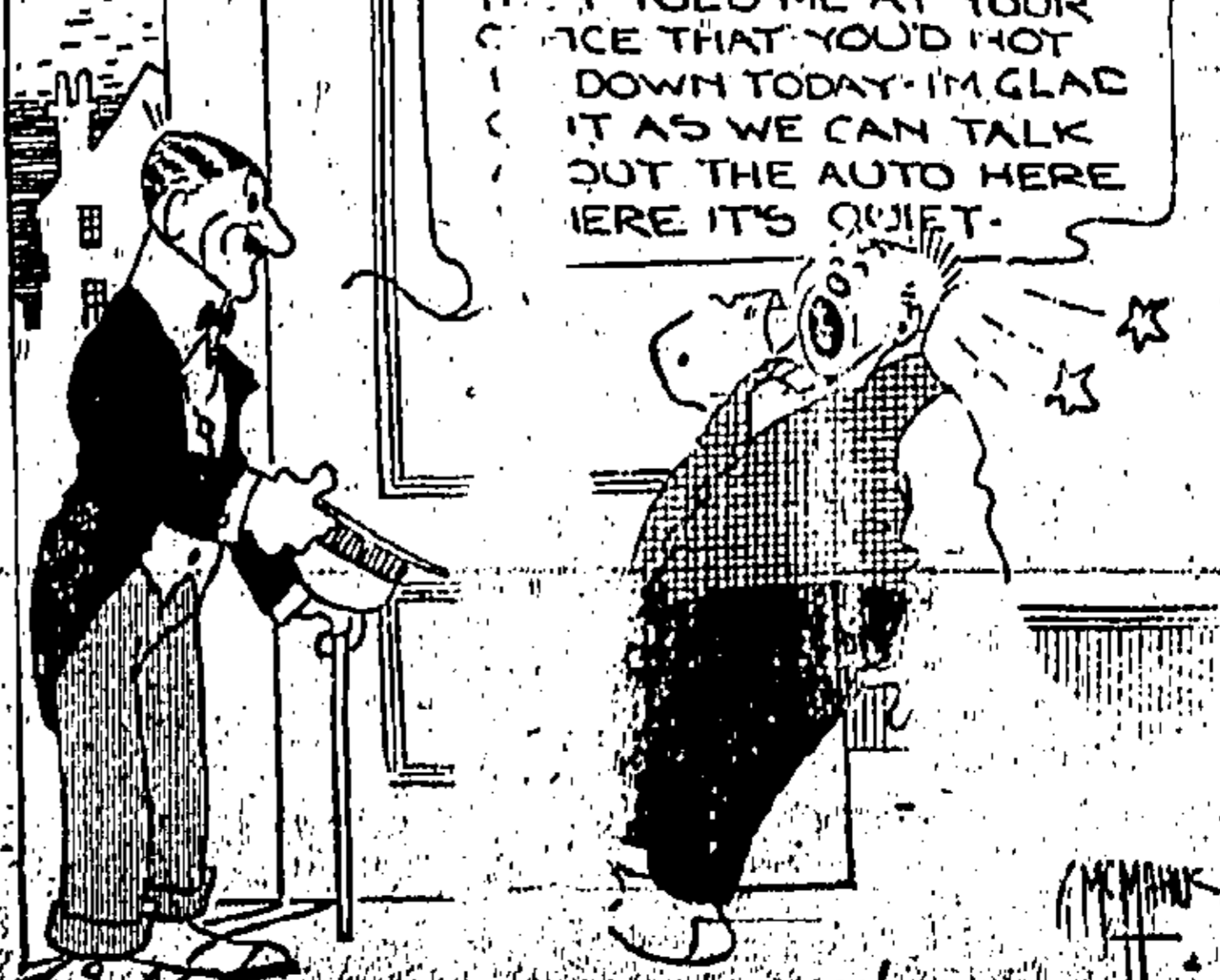
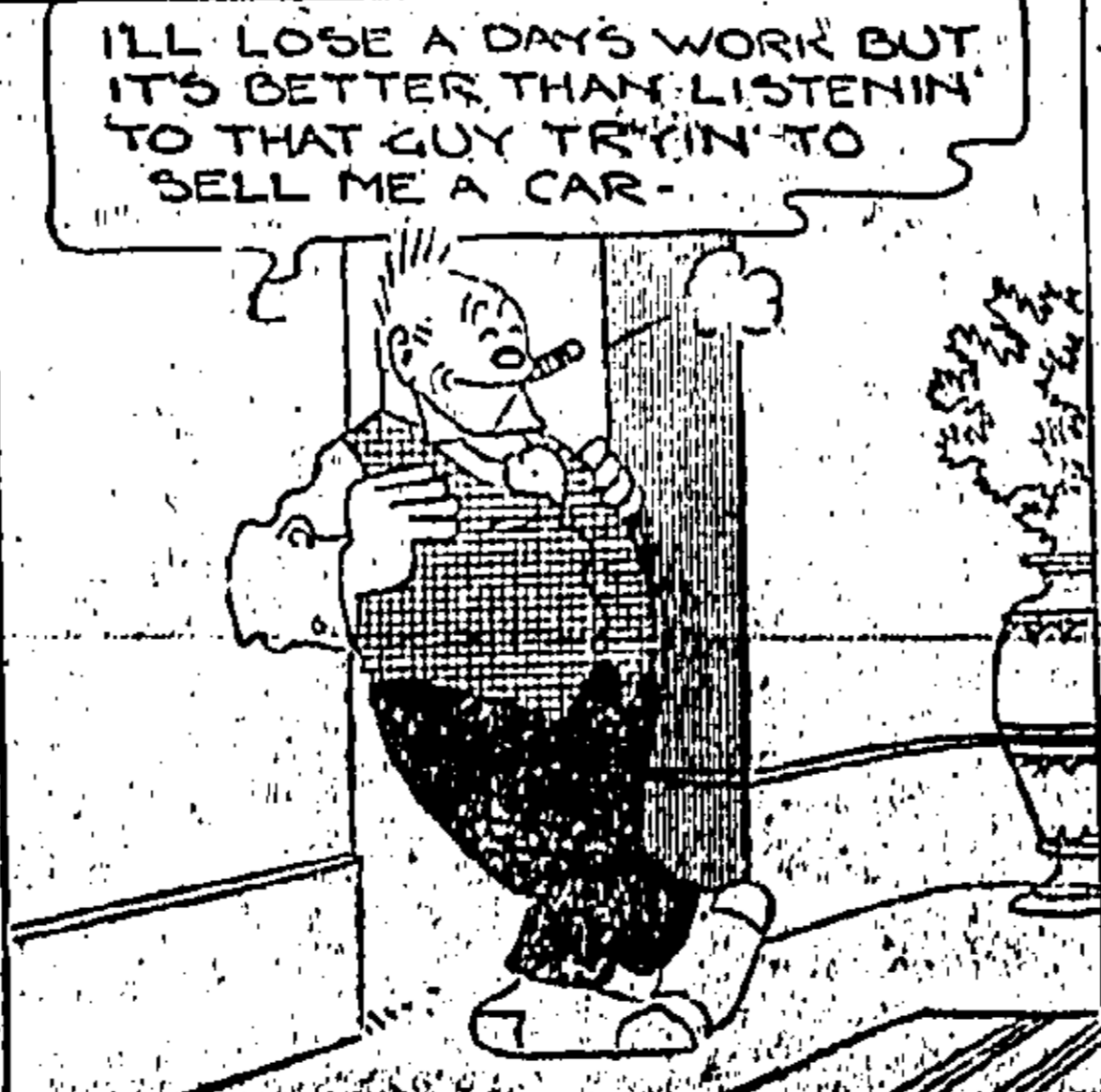
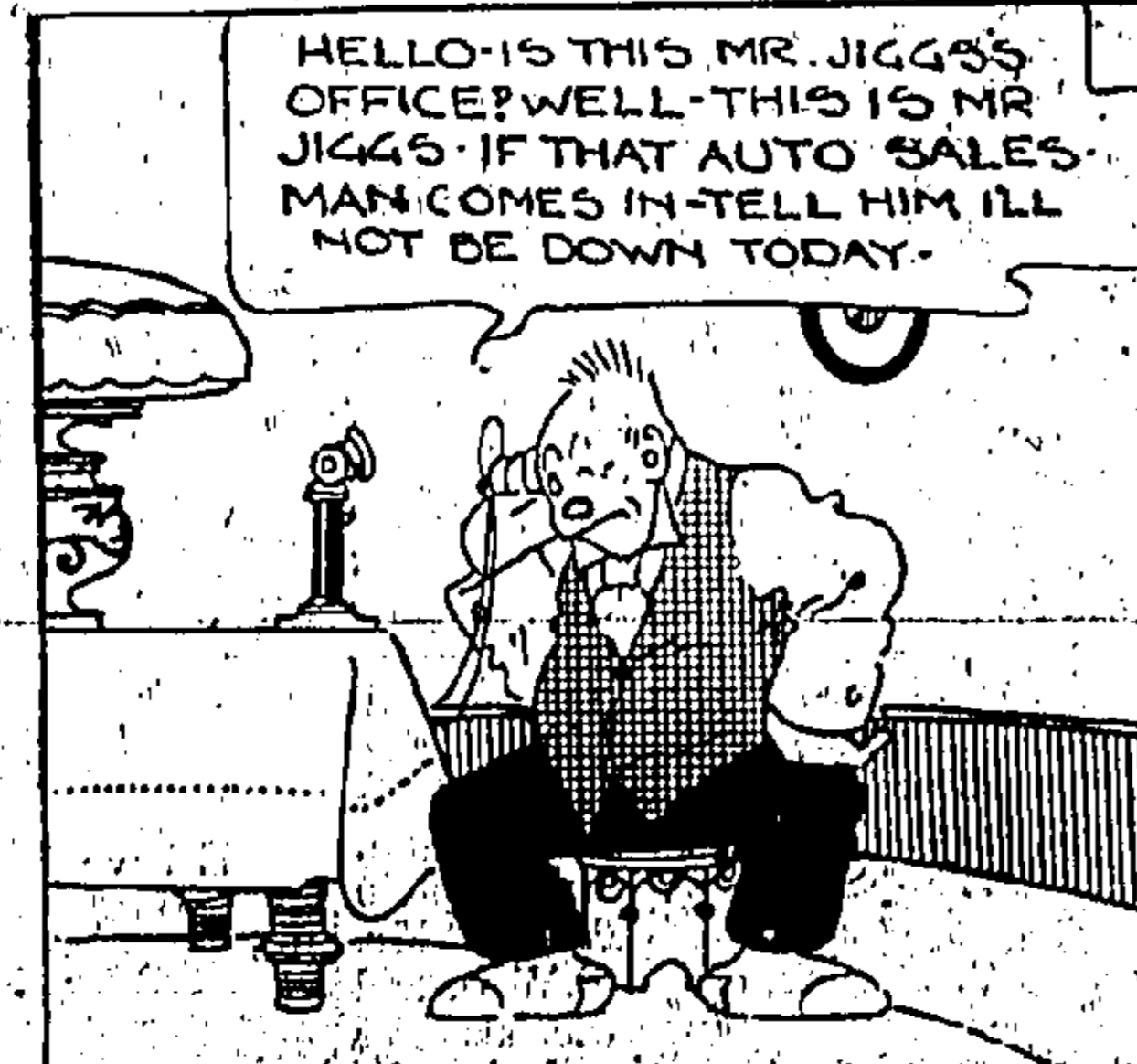
Dr. A. S. Pinto, health commissioner, has announced his belief—and is adhering firmly to it, despite a storm of protest—that childless marriages should be declared void after two years. Mrs. Pinto is one of those who takes issue with the Commissioner. She contends their marriage would have been one of those annulled had such regulations been effective, for their first child was born more than two years after they had been married.



ABOVE: RALPH GREENLEAF, BEATRICE GREENLEAF, MARTIN JONES, SON OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HECKER-JONES-JEWELL MILLING COMPANY.

Ralph Greenleaf, pocket billiard champion of the world, has been granted a divorce from his wife, Beatrice Greenleaf, twenty-five, one year his senior, on grounds of "cruelty, indignities and barbarous treatment." Previously she had filed a separation action in which she said Greenleaf's earnings were \$300 a week. Later they became reconciled. The divorce action came as a surprise. Miss Ethelind Torry, prima donna, has denied a report of her engagement to Martin Jones, son of the President of the Hecker-Jones-Jewell Milling Company. Mrs. Louise Lewis, heiress to the \$12,000,000 fortune of the late Henry Flagler, has appealed to legal counsel and has engaged detectives to run to earth persons behind an alleged scheme to blackmail her and her young husband, Lawrence Lewis, from whom she had been estranged until their unnamed foes threatened them both with injury.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.



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## BOOKS

### GALAPAGOS: WORLD'S END.

Islands, to the old-fashioned naturalists were little more than unimportant bits of the mainland. Darwin, however, with that almost uncanny perspicacity of his brought about a change. From his visit to the Galapagos in 1835 came the first idea of the theory of Natural Selection, that doctrine which was to shake and shape all branches of thought from that day till now. Wallace, carried on the good work. His *Island Life*, the greatest of all his books, differentiated the islands into two great groups, oceanic and continental. Through this cautious work on animal distribution, much of the modern attention to islands has been directed.

Anyone who takes up a list of recent publications will notice the number of important works on geography, anthropology and allied subjects which deal with small and out-of-the-way islands:—*Galapagos: the World's End*, Beebe; *The Riddle of the Pacific*, Prof. Brown; *The Andaman Islands: Pearls and Savages*, Hurley. These are only a few of the volumes which indicate the way the wind is blowing. The real fact of the matter is that most of those problems which most vex the mind and stand in need of solution depend for this solution on a careful study of islands. Consider what some of these problems are. To the biologist probably the most important is the mechanism of animal and plant distribution; and no theory of the spread of animals and plants over the globe can hope for much success unless it has been based on a careful and detailed examination of the islands of the world. To the anthropologist the migrations of peoples, the earliest types and the directions of their movement are the great bone of contention. Are

the peoples of the Andaman Islands, the Aetas of the Philippines, the defunct Tasmanians, and the mythical troglodytes of Hokkaido all offshoots of the same race? and if so, whence did they come, and what of their predecessors? To the geophysicist the burning question is, were the continents formerly juxtaposed in a great land mass floating on a dense viscous magma? And are we now gradually drifting apart through centrifugal or other force? To the oceanographer one of the crucial questions is the permanence of the present ocean depths. "Are the present ocean beds the basins which held the primordial waters of the earth? or were there great land bridges,—Atlantis, Ghondwanaland, Lemuria, and the rest—to connect up the continents and act as half-way houses for the flora and fauna of the earth. To the sociologist the fundamental issue is, do the elements of civilization spring up independently in different centres or is all civilisation an appanage of the "Children of the Sun," carried round the world as the result of an inexplicable taste for "life-givers" and a wanderlust? The paleontologist faces the problem of the fossil giant tortoises of Cuba and their only living representatives in the Galapagos Islands.

The careful and detailed study of Easter Island, the Azores, the Galapagos, the Andamans, and many other islands is our best hope of solving these questions; and for this reason the present magnificent study of the Galapagos has been written. Many new species have been added to the already unique fauna of the islands; careful and valuable observations on the habits of many of the animals are given. Here is a note on the love affairs

of a small lizard:—"I crept up to the first one I saw, anxious to 'get a photograph, and, while looking into my Graflex, almost trod upon it, so tame was it. While waiting for it to turn sideways, a big male crawled between my feet and nodded frantically to a scarlet throated female sunning herself on a bit of lava. He crept a little nearer, nodded again, whereupon the lady lizard rose as high as possible upon all four legs, making them look like straight little sticks, arched her body, blew herself up with air until she lost all semblance to a lizard, and turning her head slowly, spat upon her admirer. He turned, nonchalantly caught a fly, and sadiy made his way elsewhere."

How the Island population answers the Malthusian problem: "The finches were either beginning to build, or else sitting on their eggs. . . . I found a good many nests with four eggs, so, as far as number goes, island life has made no difference in the 'ontology of these birds. But a very suggestive thing was apparent when I came to blow the eggs. In the sets where 'embryos were formed I noticed that two of the four eggs were 'clear, and this struck me as so interesting that when I came to eggs that were almost fresh, I blew the eggs separately and made certain with a hand lens that the same thing was true in these cases; that fifty per cent. of the eggs were quite infertile. In two sets of three eggs one and 'two' respectively would never have hatched. This observation extended to four species. . . .

"This is important as revealing a condition where the adaptive 'diminution of numbers in reproduction is inaugurated as an internal obscure phenomenon, not certainly referable to either one sex or the other. The full complement of eggs is still produced, but the failure of fertilisation may be due to a defect in either sex. The absence of 'enemies, or the effect of some 'other environmental insular relaxation has apparently called forth this subtle but quick response—a concerned correlation of offspring average."

THE INHABITANTS. One of the islands is now inhabited, having a convict station and a few other residents. The *Noma* put into this for the sake of water. The second person to step on deck was a sunken-cheeked ancient who announced

"as he stepped on deck. 'I'm 'Johnson of London.' He had been fifty years among the islands and his opinion of those Spaniards who had been his neighbours was, according to the author, unprintable. Some whiskey was brought out (for whiskey was less valuable than water with the *Noma*, and the U.S.A. had not yet gone dry.) "As for Johnson of London, all speech forsok him for a while, and then he murmured, 'God, I ain't seen any whiskey for six years.'"

Johnson brought the *Noma* to a part of the island at which she obtained water. As he went from the vessel his final speech showed the chief impression his U.S.A. visitors had made on him. "As he went down the companion ladder his valedictory speech floated up to us: 'Well, I've lived near eighty years and I've read about it, but I've never seen a woman in pants before.'"

This book is beautifully illustrated and well got up, but the style of English has more than a little of American touch about it. It irritates and is often difficult for a person from the Old Country to understand.

A. H. CROOK.  
[Galapagos: World's End by William Beebe. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London.]

### NEAR EAST TANGLE.

#### SOME ARRESTING VIEWS.

[The Struggle for Power in Moslem Asia. E. Alexander Powell. John Long, Ltd. 15/-]

Having for two decades travelled over the areas of which he writes, the author, in his Foreword, considers he is in a position "to expose and attack the selfish, insincere and dangerous policies which are being pursued by certain European Governments in the Near East, and the intrigue, corruption, deceit and bad faith which have characterised those policies."

Major Powell is the possessor of a fluid, robust style—he calls it the "shirt sleeve style" himself—and writes in very positive terms on such matters as the Moslem menace, the renaissance of Turkey, Britain's blunders, and the future of Iraq, Arabia and Persia; the result is a volume of peculiar interest to students of the Near Eastern question.

As an American writing for Americans, the author will naturally make statements which, at times, act as a cold douche to the British readers. For instance, referring to the Greek advance into Anatolia in 1923, he says: "Such were the modern Crusaders, as the Greek styled themselves, the troops whom Christian England had delegated to enforce her will upon the Turks, who carried banners emblazoned with the cross of Christ, and were accompanied by priests."

"The Greek front collapsed on August 28th. . . . Lloyd George, who was the real instigator of the adventure, having the good fortune to live in a civilized country, was merely forced into political obscurity, but the Greek ministers who were his dupes, and who had relied on the solemn assurance of the British Premier that they would receive British support, died between a stone wall and the rifles of an execution squad."

Equally outspoken is the author on the baleful influence of missionaries in Asia Minor adding to the feud between Americans and Turks; and delightfully naive is the statement that now Persia is under American administrative financial control, and therefore well towards becoming Utopian.

This has already borne fruit in a steady improvement of the nation's financial situation, this improvement having been so marked that, in the opinion of the American advisors, the Persian Government is now in a position to contract one or more foreign loans, preferably in the United States, the proceeds being destined in large part for reproductive enterprises to be carried out by American firms. Of course.

The book is full of veridical interest, and can be recommended to all readers possessed of an open and wary mind.

—P. T. L.

### CUSTOMS SERVICE.

#### 47 YEARS' PERSONAL RECORD.

##### HONGKONG INCIDENTS.

"In the Chinese Customs Service," by Paul King, 15s. T. Fisher, Unwin Ltd., London.]

If the author of this book is not qualified to write a book on the Chinese Customs service then it would be a difficult matter to find anyone who is, for Paul King spent

47 years of his life in it and saw service in varying capacities in all the Treaty Ports.

Their work being neither of a nature directly to concern the well-being of the foreign community nor to bring them into contact to any great extent with its constituent members, publicity is seldom given to the personalities or doings of the senior Customs officials, but of his own personal knowledge and experience Mr. King is able to tell of occasions when on their handling of delicate situations rested grave diplomatic issues.

Great indeed was the responsibility of Mr. King himself when as the senior British official in Canton at the time of the Boxer trouble (he was Commissioner of Canton Customs at the time) he had to act as the mouthpiece of the British Government, in dealings with Li, the Empress Dowager's right-hand man, and Viceroy of Canton. The author was also with Wu Ting-fang and the other Republican leaders in 1911-1912 and on another occasion had to smooth over trouble which might have proved serious when the British took over the New Territories at Kowloon.

The record of Mr. King's constant transferences, involving the severance of ties held dear by himself and his wife, and the description of unhealthy conditions which existed in foreign settlement before the days of Sanitary Boards and Health Commissions are sufficient to indicate that life in the Service was far from being a bed of roses. In his description of the great "I.G." Sir Robert Hart, and the 'unique International Customs' service he built up, the author seems to have freed his mind as far as possible from any bias, although it would appear that many of what the author (at any rate at the time) thought misfortunes were due to what he considers the ill-will of that powerful despot.

Nice points arising out of the enforcing of regulations relating to the importation of arms (particularly that between Hongkong and Macao), of farming and opium smuggling on a large scale from Hongkong into China and other fiscal problems between Hongkong and China crop up in the course of Mr. King's record, and are accompanied with interesting "inside" information.

The book is to be recommended to all students of China, who will find in it a new avenue by which they may approach some matters of historical interest.

—E. R. P.

### DR. MARIE STOPES.

#### A FAMOUS SCIENTIST'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

"The Authorised Life of Marie C. Stopes," by Aylmer Maude, Williams and Norgate, Ltd., Henrietta St., London W. C. 2. Price 6/-]

The kind of notoriety which gets attached to the name of any one who figures in a prominent law case is unsatisfactory in many particulars and in view of the publicity given to the legal proceedings taken by Dr. Marie C. Stopes in connection with the publication of a book by a Roman Catholic medical practitioner whose views on the subject of birth control are diametrically opposed to hers, a publication which has as its object the presentation to the reader of the Marie Stopes known to her intimate friends should be welcomed by all fair-minded people.

Such is "The Authorised Life of Marie Stopes" which is written by one who has good qualifications for authorship—a famous biography already to his credit and a life-long friendship with Dr. Marie Stopes which must have given him access to her thoughts and views.

Aylmer Maude is the author of "Life of Tolstoy" and the editor of the "Maude Tolstoy" in the World's Classics Series and comparing his new and old subjects he writes: "In the former case I wrote of the ablest man I had met and now I am writing of the ablest woman I have met. In both instances their personality and the influence exercised by their works as well as misunderstanding and misrepresentation to which they have been exposed, invite attention."

Most of the book is devoted to the furnishing of an account by the author of the preparation Dr. Stopes had for her work, and of the oppositions he has encountered.

With the spirit which has animated Dr. Stopes in her birth-control work and general work on sex the author has nothing but praise and he considers that she has supplied what was needed to the cold philosophic conclusions of Leo Tolstoy, namely an application to the detailed treatment of the sex problem of a keenly trained scientific brain in combination with artistic ability to convey her feelings and an appreciation of the immense importance of the subject for the welfare of mankind.

—E. R. P.

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The story deals with Charles Carpenter, of a wealthy family, and Steve O'Connell a penniless young reporter, both in love with Valeria Winship. At a ball given at the Carpenter home in honour of Suzanne Schuyler-Leyden, an eastern society girl, Charles is put into an embarrassing position with Suzanne by clever engineering of things by his father. Before he can extricate himself, his father announces their engagement. Valeria, hurt and humiliated, goes abroad. Deborah Carpenter, the youngest daughter, is in love with Steve, and a great friendship is kindled between them. Valeria returns with Sam Beasley, a middle-aged admirer. Charles' love is rekindled and he goes to Valeria. Suzanne is terribly unhappy; her father-in-law goes to Valeria to plead for happiness; he gives her a cheque and leaves. Steve admits his love for Valeria to Deborah and he returns to her. She shows him the cheque, and tells him it will be used for a good start. Steve realizes the kind of woman Valeria is and goes back to Deborah. Charles is about to elope with Valeria and he suddenly realizes he can't leave his little boy and wife; they mean more to him than Valeria. Later, when Charles reads of Valeria's marriage to Beasley, he realizes what a mad thing his infatuation was.

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Mr. Henry Young who carried out the daring looping the loop, nose diving and tail spinning stunts at the aeroplane exhibition last Saturday, at Kowloon City.

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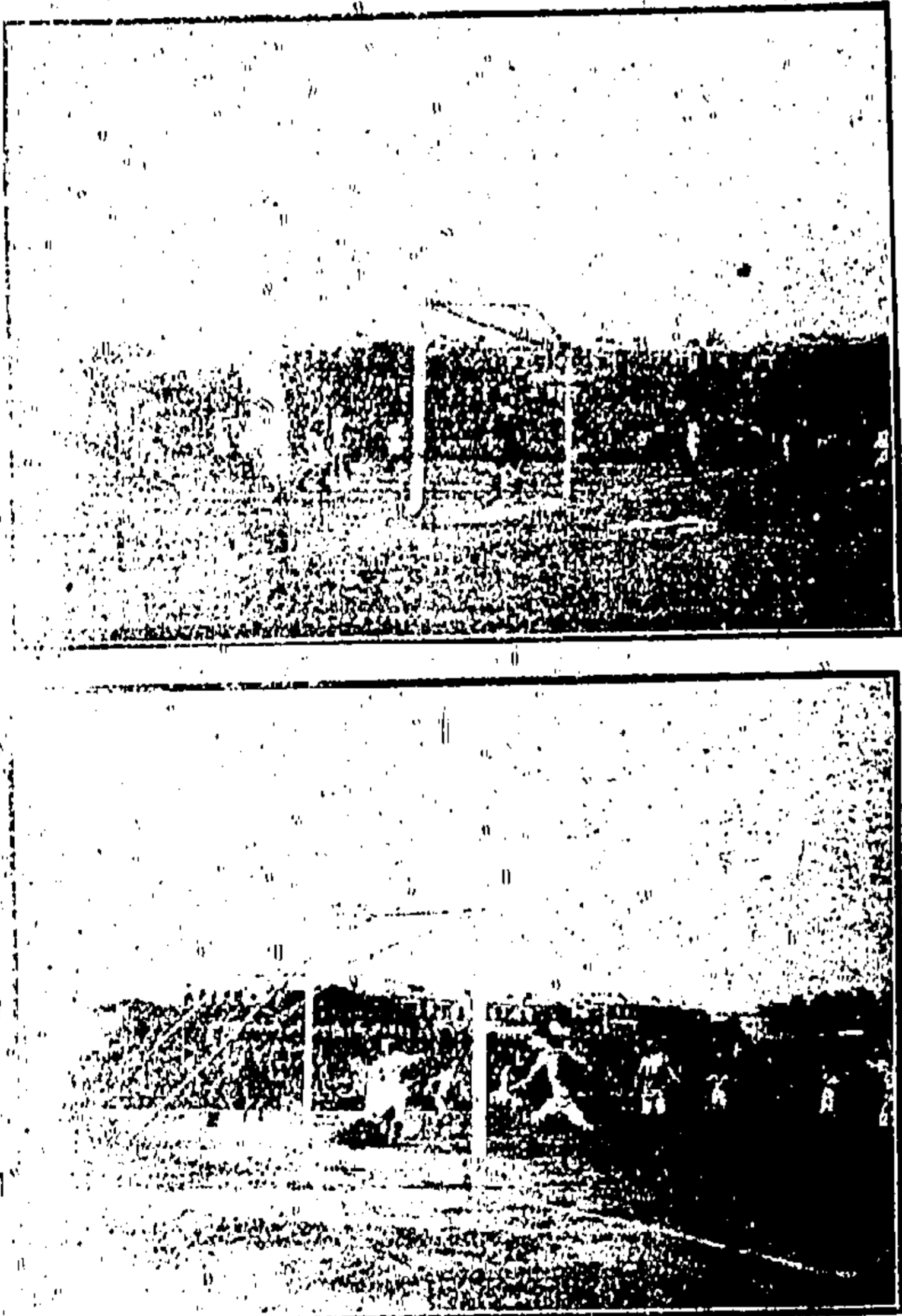


Photo by Mee Fong.

Hongkong defeated Shanghai by 3 goals to 1 last Monday in the football interport. The pictures show two of the home team's runs on the visitors' goal.

## "FATHER OF THE REPUBLIC."



## INTERPORT FOOTBALL TEAMS.



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Mrs. Hayes, of Kingston-on-Thames, celebrated her one hundred and third birthday by taking her first ride in a motor car. When she returned she said: "I have been to heaven and back." Mrs. Hayes still reads, but is slightly deaf. One of her chief amusements is trying to pick winners of horse races.

An interchange of national art treasures—at any rate within the Empire—is suggested by Sir Robert Witt, a trustee of the National Gallery, and one of the founders of the National Art Collections Fund. Sir Robert is the son of a well-known China merchant of days of yore, Mr. G. A. Witt, and is himself in a firm of London solicitors.